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KXIC radio host Brent Balbinot speaks to Catherine Champion, Katherine Moyers, and Bill Nusser on Wednesday. Champion is the owner of Champion's and Catherine's, and Nusser is the owner of Hands Jewelers.

Downtown now on the air

A new radio show features local business owners discussing downtown stores, encouraging local shopping, and raising awareness of area events.

By **ASHTON SHURSON**
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There are two new radio personalities in town, but they aren't playing music, they're not preaching, and they're not Monday-morning legislating. They're trying to sell you something you already have — downtown Iowa City.

Catherine Champion and Bill Nusser, two Iowa City natives and local business owners, recently started "The Downtown Dish," a show on KXIC 800 AM, to promote downtown stores and events with a goal of getting listeners and Iowa City residents to shop locally.

Champion, 42, is the co-owner — with her mother, Iowa

City City Councilor Connie Champion — of Catherine's, 7 S. Dubuque St., and Champions, 105 S. Dubuque St.

Nusser, 55, is also involved in a family business as the owner of Hands Jewelers, 109 E. Washington St.

The duo have been friends since last year, when Catherine Champion moved back to Iowa City.

"We have a very frank relationship," Nusser said. "We are very direct with one another and very hilarious."

While speaking on the radio this summer about how the flood was affecting local businesses, the two said they decided collaborating on a radio show about downtown stores and entertainment would be a

service to citizens who are unaware of the area's events.

The first show aired Dec. 3, and it now airs every Wednesday at 6:05 p.m.

Champion, who is also on the board of directors for the Downtown Association of Iowa City, said she hopes to continue the show for a while and encourage more people to pay attention to downtown Iowa City.

She shops locally 99 percent of the time, she said, because local shops focus more on "quality over quantity."

Nusser said he thinks downtown businesses offer the best customer service — the topic of Wednesday's show — that you

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Check out video from Gov. Chet Culver's speech on dailyiowan.com.



'The Downtown Dish'

Local business owners Catherine Champion and Bill Nusser recently started a new radio show that discusses downtown businesses and events.

- **Who:** Catherine Champion, co-owner of Catherine's and Champions, and Bill Nusser, owner of Hands Jewelers
- **Where:** KXIC 800 AM
- **When:** Wednesdays at 6:05 p.m.
- **What:** The two discuss downtown entertainment and shopping opportunities with guests and callers.

Markets affect UI Foundation

UI donors have been generous so far this year, but the economic slump could drive contributions down.

By **ADAM SULLIVAN**
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The UI Foundation's investment assets dropped nearly 16 percent between June and September. Some of that \$100 million plunge came in the form of disbursements to UI programs, but most of it was due to plummeting markets.

At the end of June, the foundation's investment portfolio totaled \$632 million. Just three months later, that number dipped to \$533 million, said UI Foundation Chief Financial Officer Tiffani Shaw.

Each year, 5 percent of the UI's endowment is taken out of investment markets and used to support the university; that accounts for a change of around \$32 million every year.

"It's not like it's lost. It will come back as the market recovers," she said, noting that foundation payouts are based on long-term averages. "Payment isn't

ON DAILY IOWAN TV

Hear more from officials with the UI Foundation about raising funds in the economic slump on dailyiowan.com.



Where donor dollars go

The vast majority of gifts to the UI Foundation are designated for a given purpose by the donor.

- More than half of donations are specifically designated for program support.
 - Around 20 percent of donation dollars go toward student aid.
 - Capital support and faculty support make up about a quarter of contribution designations.
 - Fewer than 1 percent of gifts to the foundation are for unrestricted use.
- Source: UI Foundation annual report, fiscal 2008

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SEE **FOUNDATION**, 3A

Jump-Start receives a federal jump-start

Jump-Start Iowa gets a new life.

By **ANNA LOTHSON**
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Iowans still waiting for flood money may have new hope.

Those who fell short of the requirements of Jump-Start Iowa — a recovery initiative to provide assistance to small businesses and homeowners — can now apply for Jump-Start Express, Iowa Gov. Chet Culver announced Wednesday in Coralville.

"I want to streamline how we get money into the hands of Iowans in need," he said at the Disaster Recovery Conference.

The updated federally funded program, which Culver called "more adaptive," will allow homeowners to receive up to \$24,999 in the federal government's Community Development Block Grant funds for emergency repairs. The original \$85 million Jump-Start Iowa program had allowed for roughly \$60,000 per household but came with



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa Gov. Chet Culver speaks about the Jump-Start Express program, which will help Iowans with emergency funding for disaster relief at the Marriott Hotel in Coralville on Wednesday. Culver was accompanied by Rich Leopold, the director of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and Mike Tramontina, the director of the Iowa Department of Economic Development.

much stricter requirements. "Among lessons learned, I have learned flexibility to adapt to [people's] needs," Culver said, and his goal is to find a quicker solution to bring funding.

The new program will help

residents in receiving the same money originally set aside for Jump-Start Iowa but will be able to be distributed quicker due to fewer federal restrictions.

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Tuition hike official

The UI's nonresident increase is the largest among the state's three universities.

By **AMANDA McCLURE**
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CEDAR FALLS — Students will now officially see more costly U-bills next fall, because the state Board of Regents approved tuition hikes Wednesday.

The 4.2 percent tuition increase for residents for the 2009-10 academic year is slightly higher than last year's. The raise means residents will pay an additional \$232 per year, while the 7.6 percent increase for UI out-of-state students translates to a \$1,500 jump.

The in-state jump applies to all Iowa residents attending any of the three state schools. But the UI's 7.6 percent nonresident increase is higher than either Iowa State's and University of Northern Iowa's increases, which are 2.8 and 2 percent.

Officials debated the decision for an hour and a half in Cedar Falls, discussing full support of the proposal, a tuition freeze, and two failed amendment possibilities.

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Hike

The state Board of Regents approved increases for the state's three public universities Wednesday. For UI students, that means the following for the 2009-10 academic year

- **Resident tuition/tuition and fees:** \$5,782/\$6,824
- **Nonresident tuition/tuition and fees:** \$21,156/\$22,198

Source: State Board of Regents



Running X-trememly

'At least for me, it's as simple as remembering the people you're running for to be able to get through the difficulty.'

— Rusty Bishop, bone marrow donor

By CLARA HOGAN
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Rusty Bishop always wears his bracelet when he races across faraway deserts.

When the 130-degree heat becomes too much, he said he glances down at his wrist to see a picture of Trinity, a little girl whose life he saved by donating his bone marrow nearly eight years ago.

"I look at that picture, and I don't want to stop anymore," he said. "It changes your whole perspective when you remember why you're out there."

The 39-year-old from Des Moines has raised money to spread awareness about bone-marrow donations for nearly a decade by running in extreme conditions. Recently, Bishop was named a semifinalist in *Outdoor Magazine's* "Inspiring Soles" competition, a contest that honors individuals who accomplish extreme athletics feats for a charitable cause.

The Iowa Bone Marrow Program at the UI Hospitals and Clinics nominated Bishop for the contest this fall, and \$5,000 automatically went to the program once he became a semifinalist shortly after. If he wins the overall contest Jan. 10, 2009, it will get \$25,000 and a full-page ad in the magazine, said Julee Darner, the program's donor services coordinator. To vote for Bishop, go to www.inspiringsoles.com.

"We're thrilled Rusty is representing us," Darner said. "He gives hope to so many people, and his good heart and determination deserve to be recognized."

She said the contest money will be used to recruit new donors and pay for the cost of sampling their tissue to find potential matches.

Drives to get people on the donor registry are often targeted at colleges students, Darner said. Alison Kahan, the president of the UI student organization Project Marrow, said the potential funding would help the group reach out to the university community.

Roughly 32,000 people are on Iowa's registry, but just 2 percent will likely find a match, Darner said.

The Iowa Bone Marrow Program is a part of the National Marrow Donor Program, and it



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO FROM RUSTY BISHOP

Rusty Bishop in April hikes across the Atacama desert of northern Chile to raise money for the Iowa Marrow Donor Program. He recently became a semifinalist in *Outside Magazine's* "Inspiring Soles" contest, which honors individuals who accomplish extreme athletic feats for a charitable cause. If he wins the contest, the Iowa Marrow Donor Program will receive \$25,000.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO FROM RUSTY BISHOP

Rusty Bishop hugs Trinity, a little girl whose life he saved by donating his bone marrow when she was an infant. Trinity and her parents flew to see Bishop in 2005, when he opened his teahouse, Gong Fu Tea, in Des Moines.

supplies bone marrow donations from Iowans to people across the world, including Africa and China, Darner said.

Bishop started running to raise money in 1995 when he signed up to run with the Iowa Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

"It was meeting those people, the kids, that inspired me," he said.

Since that time, Bishop participated in "Racing the Planet" competitions, running across the Sahara Desert in Africa and Gobi Desert in northern China

Rusty Bishop

Semifinalist for "Inspiring Soles" contest.

To vote: Go to www.InspiringSoles.com, click on "Vote Now" to cast your vote for Rusty Bishop before Jan. 10, 2009

Age: 39

Past races: Iowa Leukemia and Lymphoma Society marathons, "Racing the Planet" competitions in the Sahara Desert in Africa and Gobi Desert in northern China, race across the Atacama Desert in northern Chile.

Causes: Iowa Bone Marrow Donor Program, Iowa Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

In 2000, he signed up to be on the Iowa Bone Marrow Registry, and the UIHC called him a few months later to tell him they found his match.

In January 2001, Bishop donated his bone marrow to Trinity, who was then 1 year old.

He wasn't able to meet the little girl but received periodic updates about her health.

A year later, Bishop said he found out Trinity lived in Oklahoma and flew down to meet her and her parents.

"I walked in and saw an energetic girl in a black dress running around," he said. "It was a pretty powerful moment when I think about the medical miracle, that she had no chance to live without my donation."

Since that time, Bishop said he has stayed in contact with the family by phone every few months. In 2004, they flew to Des Moines to attend the opening of his store, Gong Fu Tea.

Bishop continues to run in Trinity's honor. In April, he raced across the Atacama Desert in northern Chile, running 150 miles in seven days. He said when he returned, he hosted a donor drive to help register new people.

When participating in these races, Bishop said it's important to have the right mindset.

"At least for me, it's as simple as remembering the people you're running for to be able to get through the difficulty," he said.

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4. Hawkeyes beat Panthers
5. Tucker charged with public intoxication

POLICE BLOTTER

Samuel Allen, 22, 1629 Hollywood Blvd., was charged Dec. 5 with disorderly conduct.

Carl Johnson, 23, 1804 Highway 6 E., was charged Tuesday with interference with official acts and public intoxication.

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UIHC trying to save \$

The UIHC works to reduce length of patient stays.

By AMANDA MCCLURE
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Officials from the UI Hospitals and Clinics have established 200 ways they hope to save \$22 million throughout the complex.

The group presented its cost-cutting methods to the state Board of Regents on Wednesday in Cedar Falls.

Doctors, nurses, faculty, and staff were all part of the large initiative by the hospital to regain losses.

"What's happening to us here isn't rare," Ken Kates, the UIHC director. "We're doing our best to

move forward despite setbacks throughout the field."

In order to handle the \$22 million shortfall, UIHC looked for ideas internally, asking employees for ideas, said Ken Fisher, the chief financial officer at the UIHC.

"I know the economy's bad," Fisher said. "But I think we're living in a good world. The steps we've outlined are key components to increasing our budget status as quickly as possible."

October's cash flow levels were the highest of the year, but officials are worried about the effect of rebuilding from flood damage.

"It will take months to redo this summer's flood and current economic problems," Kates said.

"To support our growing clinical programs, we must optimally utilize our current resources, increasing capacity efficiently, bridging from today until new facilities are online," the UIHC's report states.

One of the resources UIHC has chosen to use is lengths of stay for patients who have surgery or who are critically ill. Patients' health insurance allows for them to be treated for a limited length of stay before it runs out. When that period expires, hospitals are left to cover the costs. The UIHC spends nearly \$2,500 for each

additional day a patient stays in a bed.

To decrease the length of stay for patients, officials said they have developed ways to safely and effectively move patients out of the hospital.

These include screening for stay eligibility, monitoring performances in patients, developing processes that discharge patients sooner, and having daily bed meetings to discuss the progress of patients.

"These are manageable ways for us to work our way back to the budget," said Ann Williamson, the associate vice president for Nursing. "We are confident these measures will be beneficial for both UIHC and patients."

STATE

County's construction going well

Construction on the county's new Health and Human Services Building is on schedule, said facilities manager David Kempf at the Johnson County Board of Supervisors meeting Wednesday.

"I have all of the confidence in the world we'll have a great product when we're done," he said.

Construction on a skywalk connecting the center to the County Administration Building, elevator inspections, and some concrete pouring is yet to be completed, but many departments are set to move in the week of Jan. 5, 2009, Kempf said.

The new SEATS/Secondary Roads Office Building, 4810 Melrose Ave., will

have its grand opening Dec. 16, Kempf said. The opening was scheduled for Tuesday but was delayed due to ice.

— by Katie Hanson

Prof allegedly violated no-contact order

A UI associate professor accused of abusing his wife allegedly violated his no-contact order earlier this week.

Coralville police issued an arrest warrant for Puneet Handa, 52, who, they contend, violated his domestic-abuse protective order on Monday.

Police arrested Handa in September and charged him with two counts of first-degree harassment and one count of domestic-abuse assault with intent or displaying a weapon after they reported

he abused his wife. He is now charged with contempt.

Handa's wife told police she was fighting with her husband on Sept. 22 when he choked her, dug his nails into her face, and gouged at her eyes, reports show.

Police reported that, the next day, Handa called his father-in-law from the Johnson County Jail, threatening to kill his wife, her father, and "the whole generation."

Handa pleaded guilty in October. His sentencing is set for Dec. 18.

— by Olivia Moran

Man faces knife charge

A Coralville man was arrested Tuesday after authorities said he brought an 11-inch blade to court.

Sean Feijo, 44, was charged with going armed with a knife blade.

According to Iowa City police, Feijo was at the Johnson County Courthouse on an unrelated charge when officers arrested him for violating a no-contact protective order.

Authorities allege that Feijo violated the order by contacting a victim through phone calls and text messages between Nov. 27 and Tuesday.

When he was arrested, he had a cobra-head walking stick, and officers discovered an 11-inch blade concealed inside, police reports said.

Feijo stated he knew the blade was in the stick, police said.

Going armed with a knife blade longer than 8 inches is an aggravated misdemeanor, punishable by up to two years in prison and a maximum fine of \$6,250.

— by Regina Zilbermintz

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"This is a conservative increase in light of economic times," Regent Rose Vasquez said. "College is an investment, and we have to find the resources for that."

Regents Michael Gartner and Ruth Harkin opposed the hikes on the final vote.

"I think it's easier for the university to sacrifice that money than it is to have families do it," Gartner said. "There's no doubt it's going to be a tough year, but nevertheless, I believe this is the year we should not increase tuition for resident undergraduate students in the system."

Harkin advocated a freeze on state tuition to give families a break from the struggling economy.

"We look at the state of our economy now, with the income of families, high student debt, and see the fact that in 10 years, tuition has increased more than 100 percent," she said. "I don't see how we can raise this tuition in good conscience."

Regents Robert Downer and Craig Lang proposed amendments to the original proposal, but both were denied. Downer's amendment included raising residential tuition by 3.6 percent. Lang suggested increasing resident tuition by 2.6 percent and non-resident tuition by 3.6 percent.

UI President Sally Mason restated the UI's efforts to reduce budget costs wherever possible and said the proposed tuition increase was best for the quality and reputation of the university.

"In the past year alone, the UI has performed plenty of budget



Regents Craig Lang (left) and Ruth Harkin discuss new tuition costs Wednesday at the state Board of Regents meeting at the University of Northern Iowa. Neither supported the original proposal.

actions, making cuts due to the flood and other issues," she said.

But UI Student Government President Maison Bleam said a less-steep tuition increase would be better for the university.

"I don't know if the UI has looked under every stone to make cuts to its budget," he said. "It's not just the tuition, it's the fees that seem extremely high."

Initially, Regent President David Miles was concerned about the UI's 7.6 percent increase for out-of-state students, but after the meeting, he said the increase won't deter nonresidents.

States across the country are raising tuition to historic levels, leaving some regents arguing that Iowa is more conservative in its increases.

Nevada officials will raise tuition for residents by a minimum of 25 percent, Washington

by 20 percent, and Florida has already raised its tuition levels 15 percent and plans to do so every year for the next five years.

"The UI has accurately set [the increase] based on analysis that reflects the quality and the integrity of the school," Miles said. "This is a reasonable middle course needed to preserve the quality of our schools."

Although he acknowledged any tuition increase is unwanted, he said it was necessary. Not increasing tuition now and later facing a tougher economy could result in a larger future hike.

"This is a powerful tool for the universities, and I want to remind you all that we're talking about \$232 on the sticker price," Miles said. "Less than \$20 a month is a reasonable increase for maintaining the quality of Iowa's schools."

Iowa gets more relief

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Overall, the state has secured \$1.3 billion in state and federal funding thus far, the governor said, and he expects a surge in funding if President-elect Barack Obama's federal infrastructure-stimulus plan passes. Culver said he hopes the change in administration won't delay the process.

He was pleased that 5,800 separate public infrastructure projects, totaling roughly \$460 million across the state, have been approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, he said, and more than 400 are likely to be approved soon.

"We're not just rebuilding what we lost, we're becoming stronger for the future," he said.

Rep. David Jacoby, D-Coralville, said the new program is about finding balance between doing it "right and quickly."

Jacoby, who is a member of the state's new disaster-recovery committee, said his next goal is to steer \$200 million of

Jump-Start Express to bring more relief
In an effort to reduce federal restrictions on funding allocations, Iowa Gov. Culver announced a revised flood assistance program. Goals for program:

- Lower barriers to qualify for funding
- Offer up to \$24,999 for homeowners
- Provide quicker aid to residents
- Repair more homes in less time
- Rebuild stronger, more sustainable communities

Source: Iowa Gov. Chet Culver

the "rainy day" fund directly into the hands of city officials to avoid dealing with more bureaucratic processes.

"It's not going to make everyone whole, but it's a way to make it so everyone isn't frozen," he said.

Mike Tramontina, the director of the Iowa Department of Economic Development, backed using "smart" growth

policies in order to rebuild for a sustainable future.

"Iowa has been slow to adopt some concepts of new growth," in the past, he said, but the state has a "wealth of assets" to assist in recovery.

While announcing what is next for Iowa, Culver reminisced on both triumphs and tribulations of the historic flood.

"If nothing else, it united us, Republicans and Democrats," he said, "Cities and counties that otherwise compete said 'Let's unite.'"

And while he said the state can't wait any longer to help residents, Culver expects reimbursement from the federal government.

"We are opening up pipelines with federal agencies," he said, noting the \$4 billion in appropriations waiting to be allocated.

Although no timeline for full recovery can be determined, Culver said the state will be working with its communities to garner more citizen input.

"The fight goes on, the intensity is the same," he said.

Foundation funds slip

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ket's] volatility. We would need to see more of a three-year market decline."

While technically independent from the UI, the UI Foundation — a nonprofit organization — channels millions of dollars from private donors to university programs each year. Last fiscal year, the foundation collected \$1.3 billion in private contributions, according to its annual report.

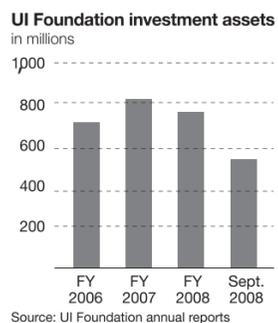
Contribution dollars have continued to flow in this year despite the economic slowdown, but officials are wary of making any long-term predictions.

"We're actually doing very well," foundation Vice President Flynn Andrizzi said. "I think the recession we're seeing is deeper than what we've seen in a long time. For me to sit here and say it's not going to affect us, that's probably not accurate."

A handful of sizable donations and an influx in contribu-

Investment drop

The UI Foundation's investment portfolio has slumped with the national financial crisis.



Source: UI Foundation annual reports

Contributions after the flood have pushed up the foundation's assets so far this year. But Andrizzi said he worries donors making smaller donations — presumably those who would be most affected by the economic downturn — may shell out fewer dollars.

"It will be interesting to see what happens when we get all

the numbers at the end of the calendar year," he said. "The alums who are making the \$100 gifts or \$50 gifts might scale back a little bit."

"If a donor says, 'Don't ask me for money right now because of the stock market,' we won't ask."

Plummeting markets may also play into donor support, officials said, even though the majority of the foundation's donations — totaling more than \$48 million during the last fiscal year — come from within the Hawkeye State, where the economy remains relatively strong.

"In terms of attitudes, I think the [media] coverage has some impact," UI economics Professor John Geweke said. "To the extent that you think your wealth is reduced because you've seen things like a drop in assets, that means you will consume less than you otherwise would. I think it's really a matter of attitudes."

Iceland stuck in economic deepfreeze

By JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

REYKJAVIK, Iceland — Here are a few things selling briskly in Iceland's capital as Christmas approaches: horse meat, secondhand clothing, and used DVDs of *The Sound of Music*.

Thrift is the new mantra in Iceland, a volcanic island nation just below the Arctic Circle, now trapped in economic deep freeze with rising unemployment, soaring prices, and a paralyzed banking system.

"Before, you didn't think about what you were buying, but now we've been woken up," said Holmfridur Kristinsdottir, who sells such delicacies as dried fish and pungent chunks of fermented shark at Reyk-

javik's flea market. "When we buy beer now, we buy Icelandic beer — it's cheaper."

This is a tough Christmas in Iceland, a country that cherishes its Yuletide traditions. Multicolored lights twinkle on houses and trees across Reykjavik during the 19 hours a day of December darkness. Soon children will place shoes on their windowsills for the 13 Yule Lads, Iceland's equivalent of Santa Claus, who leave presents for the good and potatoes for the naughty.

But amid the comforting rituals, Iceland's 320,000 people are facing a wintry economic blast after a decade of boom that turned their island a Nordic financial powerhouse with one

of the world's highest per-capita ownership levels of high-end Range Rover SUVs.

Now, austerity is in the air. At his traditional food stand in the harbor-side flea market, Siggí Gardarsson says he is seeing a marked rise in sales of horse meat — a traditional staple that's half the price of comparable cuts of beef.

Maria Oskarsdottir is doing a brisk trade in her hand-knitted hats and mittens, while Olaf Olafsson says his military surplus clothing is having its best month ever.

"Some of the old hands say it happens in recessions. Sales go up," he said. "We offer similar to the high street stores, but half the price."

Talking up downtown

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can't get at chain stores.

They agreed there has been a resurgence in downtown shopping despite the rough national economy. People now want to make sure they're spending their money on quality products, such as those in downtown Iowa City, Nusser said.

Its benefits for local businesses aside, UI economics Associate Professor John Solow argues that shopping locally merely for the sake of it could hurt in the bigger picture.

"It's not true that if we can hoard dollar bills [in Iowa City], we can get rich," he said. "Every dollar we spend in the store is leaking out to someone else."

Solow said people should buy from businesses that can best

specialize in their respective products — whether they are in Iowa City or Malaysia.

"I don't try to repair my own car," he said. "I do what I do best."

But in the end, it's up to the shopper.

Nusser said he hopes the show will reach residents and give business owners a chance to "toot their own horns once in a while."

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Public health faces worker shortage

A large number of retirements is expected to create gaps in the public-health sector.

By **KATIE HANSON**
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Educational bingo games are a way to eat up class time or teach students to count in Spanish. But sometimes they could save lives.

Schools across the state can play "Disaster Bingo: Get Your Kit Together" Jan. 15 as part of the University Hygienic Laboratory's public-television classes. Instead of numbers, images on the cards will correspond with items families should include in their disaster kits.

"We created the game to introduce the concept of emergency preparedness to young students and through that bring the idea into their homes," said Jon Demartino, a writer and creative consultant at the laboratory who developed the game. "You're never too young to be prepared."

The presentation is one of eight classes the laboratory will broadcast next year through its partnership with Iowa Public Television. The shows are part of a nationwide effort to boost awareness and interest in the field of public health, which may soon face a crisis in the state and across the nation.

Iowa may lack 4,250 public-health workers by 2020, according to a report from the Association of Schools of Public Health. The country could be short 250,000 public-health employees by that time.

The drop-off is partly due to upcoming retirement, said Susan Curry, the dean of the UI College of Public Health. In fact, the Association of Schools of Public Health's report said 23 percent of the national workforce will be eligible to retire by 2012. To fill the gap left by the retirees, public-health schools need to graduate three times as many students by 2020, but enrollment in College of Public Health degree programs has only crept up from 306 in 2004 to 365 in 2008.



Client services manager Sherri Marine adds crushed Oreo pieces into her edible aquifer in the Hygienic Laboratory on the Oakdale Campus on Wednesday. With each layer of candy representing a part of the earth, fifth-grade students pour milk into the cup to watch how soil absorbs rainwater.

Edible aquifers and more

The UI Hygienic Laboratory will broadcast eight programs to statewide K-12 classrooms from January 2009 to April 2009 about various aspects of public health.

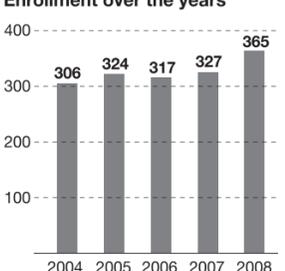
- Jan. 15: Disaster Bingo: Get Your Kit Together
- Jan. 27: Stream Critters
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- Feb. 17: Where's Gummy the Germ?
- Feb. 26: Edible Aquifer
- March 3: Public Health: Pathway to Adventure
- April 21: Mom, Why Can't I Eat Hamburgers?

Source: UI Hygienic Laboratory

Enrollment

Increased enrollment in the UI College of Public Health may not be enough to prevent an oncoming shortage of public-health workers.

Enrollment over the years



Source: UI College of Public Health

Jacqueline Cieslak/The Daily Iowan

This is not to say interest in public health has stagnated, Curry said. Recent government cuts have reduced the public-health workforce and its ability to train new members.

"We have more students interested in classes than spaces in the classes," she said.

Beth Hochstedler, the training and outreach coordinator for the Hygienic Lab, said a surge of different projects are being developed across the country to attract even more young students.

"If we reach kids at an early age, they're much more likely to get into it," she said, adding the laboratory's statewide broadcasts are unique to Iowa.

Each class is taught by experts

in various fields of public health, from preventing the spread of germs to newborn screening.

Curry said the public-health field is also making progress at the professional level. The college is providing more training programs and offers study abroad opportunities for global health.

"Public health is working well when it's invisible: infectious diseases are controlled, food and water are safe through inspections, and should there be a problem we have the infrastructure to respond effectively," Curry said.

"But we risk a shortage in those areas, and a shortage would affect all aspects of life."

Markets pop back up

By **JOE BEL BRUNO AND TIM PARADIS**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street climbed back on an upward track Wednesday, rising in late trading as a surge in gold and other commodities prices gave investors a reason to snap up energy and materials stocks.

But the market's closing levels masked the fact that it was a confusing day on the Street. Investors had sent stocks higher until mid-afternoon on expectations of a bailout for the Detroit automakers, but the market forfeited that advance on signs that the plan was running into opposition from Republican lawmakers. Investors then set aside their uncertainty and plowed back into stocks as they saw the rebound in commodities.

Gold picked up \$34.70 an ounce to close at \$807.10 on the New York Mercantile Exchange, lifted by a weaker dollar, but also because investors seemed to be more willing to take on some risk — a trend that has also been apparent in the recent rally on Wall Street. Oil prices also rose on the Nymex, settling up \$1.45 at \$43.52.

In turn, companies that make their money from commodities, including Exxon Mobil Corp., which rose 2.4 percent, and mining company Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc., which added 16 percent, rallied, boosting the rest of the stock market.

Richard E. Cripps, chief market strategist for Stifel Nicolaus, remains cautious but said the rise in commodities suggests that some investors are betting on an economic rebound. "At this point in time, commodities going up are a welcome sign," he said.

Still, investors are extremely wary about the many trouble spots in the global economy. And so shifting sentiment over a possible bailout deal for

Detroit's Big Three automakers tugged at stocks throughout the session — including financial stocks. Financial houses that hold investments in the car companies could see further strain on their balance sheets if big players like General Motors Corp. file bankruptcy.

Democrats in Congress and the White House finalized an agreement on \$14 billion in loans for Detroit's struggling car companies. However, the plan negotiated by the White House is being opposed by a group of conservatives led by Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev.

The proposal would provide relief for General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC. Ford Motor Co. Chief Executive Alan Mulally and Executive Chairman Bill Ford Jr. told The Associated Press Tuesday they don't need to take the bailout.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 70.09, or 0.81 percent, to 8,761.42. On Tuesday, the Dow shed 243 points as investors after disappointing corporate news reminded investors of the magnitude of the economy's troubles. But the Dow and the Standard & Poor's 500 index have now advanced in 10 of the last 13 sessions.

The S&P 500 index rose 10.57, or 1.19 percent, to 899.24, and the NASDAQ composite index rose 18.14, or 1.17 percent, to 1,565.48. The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies rose 10.69, or 2.30 percent, to 476.40.

Since reaching multiyear trading lows on Nov. 20, the Dow has risen 16 percent and the broader S&P 500 has risen 19.5 percent, while the NASDAQ is up 19 percent.

"I think what you have now is people are looking among the carnage and saying wait a minute, maybe the baby was thrown out with the bath water" during the devastating selling of October and November, said John Merrill, chief

investment officer at Tanglewood Wealth Management.

The number of stocks advancing on the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday outpaced those declining by 2 to 1. Volume came to a light 1.31 billion shares.

In the Treasury market, the four-week bill auctioned with a 0 percent yield on Tuesday saw that rate increase. The yield rose to 0.05 percent after having been auctioned on Tuesday with a yield of 0 percent. The auction was a dramatic sign of how cautious investors are — they are willing to park their money for the short term in investments that will pay them nothing at all but that will preserve their principal.

The yield on the three-month T-bill fell to 0.01 percent from 0.03 percent late Tuesday, also indicating a high degree of investor unease. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, rose to 2.68 percent from 2.65 percent late Tuesday.

The dollar was lower against most other major currencies, which helped feed the rally in commodities.

The market was also watching American International Group Inc., which said Wednesday it is trying to work out plans to square away \$10 billion lost in bad trades without turning to tax payers for more money. Last month, the government said it would provide \$150 billion to help the insurer remain afloat after tight credit markets made it difficult to access cash.

"I think the fear is that there is going to be a continued need to raise capital," Ryan Larson, head of equities trading at Voyager Asset Management, said of the financial sector.

That fed worries that other financial houses might be facing their own troubles after placing wrong bets in the unforgiving markets in recent months.

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Funds lacking for disabled



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The county Health and Human Services Building is under construction across the street from the Johnson County Administration Building, as seen on Wednesday. Despite advances, such as constructing the new building, funds are lacked for people with disabilities.

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County officials are starting to worry about the waning funds they have available for the county's disabled population.

In fiscal 2008, 3,133 disabled adults and children received services through the county, according to the Johnson County Mental Health and Disability Services. That cost the county approximately \$14 million a year, Supervisor Rod Sullivan said.

"What's happening, basically, is we're trying to service the population in 2008 with the same amount of money from 1997," he said.

Sullivan said the problem began 12 years ago, when the Iowa Legislature limited the amount county governments could spend on disability services. The state said it would pick up the cost if it continued to increase, but that never happened, he said.

"I don't think we're providing half the funding at this time," said Sen. Joe Bolkom, D-Iowa City. "I'm not sure we've done our best to keep up or met all the needs that counties say exist. We're going to try to have some new resources this year."

But though the resources may be coming, he said, it depends on what other matters are on the budget.

"We have a very difficult budget coming up, and we'll have to make it a priority if it's going to happen," Bolkom said.

He attended a meeting with county officials and other area legislators last week to discuss matters of county concern. During the meeting, he said he was surprised by the high number of disabled people in the county.

While Johnson County is waiting for more funding, Kris Artley, director of mental health and disability services, is being frugal, Sullivan said.

"Kris and her staff have done a wonderful job of pinching pennies everywhere they can," Sullivan said. "I'm just not sure there is more fat to cut."

Eight Iowa counties have funding waiting lists, and Artley said she would rather Johnson County not be one of them.

"Johnson County has initiated some cost-savings measure beginning July 1, 2008," she wrote in an e-mail. "If these measures are not significant enough, we have other areas where we can adjust eligibility criteria if it becomes necessary."

Sullivan said not having waiting lists is more than a financial issue. It's a humanitarian issue.

"You have fellow human beings who needs help," he said. "You want to help them."

But until the money arrives, the county's Mental Health and Disability Services will continue to scrimp, Sullivan said.

Services for county's disabled

The number of adults and children who received disability services from Johnson County in fiscal 2008:

- Chronic mental illness - 1,104
- Developmental disabilities - 161
- Mental Illness - 1,126
- Mental Retardation - 742
- Total - 3,133

Source: Johnson County Mental Health and Disability Services

"Once the Legislature enacts sufficient funding to cover the growth of the mental-health system, counties will be able to support all persons making applications for needed services," Artley said.

Bolkom said he expects a greater attempt from the state to assist counties when the Legislature reconvenes in January.

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Iowa records first flu case of season

DES MOINES (AP) - State health officials have confirmed Iowa's first flu case of the season.

Officials with the Iowa Department of Public Health announced Wednesday that the confirmed case was in a 25-year-old woman in eastern Iowa.

Officials say the case should act as a reminder for Iowans to get a flu shot.

They also say people should wash their hands frequently or use a hand sanitizer. They also advise that people should stay home from work or school if they are sick, and keep at least a 3-foot distance between themselves and someone who is sick.

The flu is a respiratory illness and can be spread easily. Symptoms may include fever, headache, tiredness, cough, sore throat, nasal congestion and body aches. It usually lasts from two to seven days.

1 dead in I-35 crash in Ankeny

ANKENY, Iowa (AP) - Authorities say a Grimes man is dead after he made a U-turn and began driving the wrong way on Interstate 35 in Ankeny.

Police say Larry Rieks was northbound on I-35 Tuesday night when he turned around and began driving the wrong way and was struck by an oncoming car and minivan.

Rieks died of his injuries at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines. An autopsy was to be performed Wednesday.

Police say the driver of the other car, Sarah Engel of Story City, was taken to a Des Moines hospital with minor injuries. The driver of the van, Rebecca Neal, of Ankeny, and two children in the van, were treated at the scene.

Arrest made in Ringgold County slaying

MOUNT AYR, Iowa (AP) - Police have made an arrest in the slaying of a man whose remains were found by hunters in Ringgold County in 2007.

Collins Straight is charged with first-degree murder. Court records show he was arrested on Nov. 25. He is being held under \$1 million bond.

Arraignment is scheduled for Dec. 22. Court records show that Straight is accused of shooting the victim after driving him to a remote area to complete a drug transaction.

The victim, described as a white or Latino male in his 20s, has not been identified.

Investigators say the victim was wearing a hooded sweatshirt and shorts. A "Lord of the Rings" ring was found with the body.

Investigators believe the man died more than six months before his body was found by hunters.

Union offers contract in Muscatine

MUSCATINE (AP) - A United Food and Commercial Workers union has offered a proposed contract to Grain Processing Corp. in Muscatine.

Around 360 workers with Local 86D have been locked out of the plant since August after the two sides failed to reach an agreement.

The union and the company had been scheduled to meet with a federal mediator on Tuesday, but it was canceled because of a snowstorm. The union and the company met briefly on Tuesday to review the negotiation process, and the union provided Grain Processing with a proposal.

Company spokeswoman Janet Sichterman says the proposal appears similar to one presented by the union in October, which the company rejected. Sichterman says the company will review the latest offer and respond.

Microsoft center still on track

WEST DES MOINES (AP) - Plans by Microsoft Corp. to build a nearly \$600 million data center in West Des Moines are on track, despite the ailing economy.

City Manager Jeff Pomeranz says the software giant plans to start construction next spring or summer.

The Iowa Transportation Commission on Tuesday approved a state grant of \$3.4 million to the city to cover half the cost of road improvements to provide access to the site. The city will provide a local match.

Microsoft announced plans for the data center in August. It will help handle millions of Microsoft online functions each month, such as Hotmail and Messenger instant messaging services.

Microsoft was founded in 1975 and is based in Redmond, Wash.

Clergy, residents renew call for help in Postville

DES MOINES (AP) - Clergy and residents in Postville on Thursday renewed a call for politicians to visit the trou-

bled town as soon as possible, saying they need help now more than ever.

Speaking on a conference call with reporters, several local religious leaders and two residents said Postville is still reeling from a May 12 immigration raid at the Agriprocessors kosher meatpacking plant.

"We need people from both sides of the aisle and independents involved, and trying to solve this issue," said the Rev. Steve Brackett a senior pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Postville.

"Postville is an incredible example of the after effects and the aftermath of an immigration raid.

"We are doing this knowing that it's too late to really help Postville, the damage is irreparable," he said. "But we can help future communities."

Study links gene, obesity

By STEPHANIE NANO
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Scientists may have figured out one reason some people reach for the French fries instead of an apple.

It could be a gene that's been linked to an increased risk of obesity.

A study of children found those with a common variation of the gene tend to overeat high-calorie foods. They ate 100 extra calories per meal, which over the long term can put on weight, said Colin Palmer, who led the study at the University of Dundee in Scotland.

The findings don't mean that everyone with that version of the gene will eat too much and become obese, he said. They just might have a tendency to eat more fattening foods.

"It's still your choice," he said. "This gene will not make you overweight if you do not overeat."

Palmer said the results support the theory that childhood obesity today could be connected to the widespread availability and low cost of high-calorie foods. The research is published in today's *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Last year, scientists discovered the gene, named FTO, was linked to obesity, but they didn't know why. Most of the other genes thought to affect body weight influence appetite.

Palmer and his colleagues wanted to know if the FTO gene also had to do with eating behavior or whether it involved how the body burns calories. They studied more than 2,700 Scottish children ages 4 to 10 and put a group of them through extensive tests.

Nearly two-thirds of the children had at least one copy of the gene variant, about the same proportion found in last year's study of mostly white Europeans. That study found that those with one copy of the gene variant had a 30 percent increased risk of obesity, and carriers of two copies had almost a 70 percent increased risk.

The gene variation is also found in other populations; the frequency in Chinese is about half that of Europeans.

After confirming the obesity link in the larger Scottish group, the researchers examined 97 of the children. They took a number of measurements, including body fat and metabolic rate.

The children were given three meals at school to evaluate their eating behavior. The meal included a mix of fruits and vegetables, ham, cheese, potato chips, chocolate candies, and bread rolls.

The researchers found that children with the gene variation showed no difference in metabolic rates, levels of physical activity or the amount of food eaten.

"The only thing we could find was the fact that they were eating much richer foods," said Palmer.

On average, those with the gene variant ate 100 calories more than those without it.

Dr. Rudolph Leibel, an obesity researcher at Columbia University in New York, said getting good measurements of how much someone eats is difficult, but the Scottish study did it in a closely controlled manner.

He said the overeating may be driven more by the need for calories than a preference for fatty foods. Fat is just a good way to get those extra calories.

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Editorial

Iowa City to Chicago, via Amtrak

In a week focused on the fate of the auto industry and the naming of an auto czar, Iowa politicians and state representatives are turning their attention to the rails.

Iowans assisted Amtrak in setting a record number of riders this year — 64,260 passengers used Amtrak trains at six Iowa stations in a 12-month period ending in September, a 3 percent increase over last year's count. The number of Iowa passengers taking to the trains that year was the highest passenger load Amtrak has seen since it was established in 1971. Across the nation, 28.7 million people rode the rails, signaling the sixth-consecutive year of record passenger levels. The increase in train travel is encouraging optimism around Iowa regarding the possibility of a potential expansion of rail service.

In April of this year, a study released by Amtrak found that rail service from Iowa City to the Quad Cities would have the support of both citizens and legislators. Such a route would require a contract splitting the annual costs among Chicago, the Quad Cities, and Iowa City, each contributing around \$6 million. However, recent economic hardships may hinder progress as state representatives wrestle with available capital to subsidize new routes.

The Department of Transportation will offer a proposal to the Legislature in an attempt to secure funding for such an undertaking. Federal matching funds will also serve as an option to financially support the project. If the route uses the Iowa Interstate Railroad, the project could be quite a bargain. The Iowa Interstate Railroad bought the Iowa portion of the Rock Island line, which provided rail service to Iowa City until the early 1970s.

Talk of trains paired with President-elect Barack

Obama's infrastructure proposal has many people also considering a light rail commuter train between Cedar Rapids and Iowa City. Obama's plan, aimed at creating 2.5 million jobs by 2011, will focus on roads, bridges, schools, and utilities. Many of these projects are already on the drawing boards throughout the nation and are simply waiting for state and local governments to produce the money. A route from Iowa City to Chicago would have a much greater chance at becoming a reality than a commuter line from Iowa City to Cedar Rapids.

Local politicians, such as Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, have expressed support for such an undertaking. Bolkcom has indicated that the project will likely be a "high priority" for legislators in the upcoming session. The legislative session will convene Jan. 12, 2009. With the large number of students from the Chicago and Quad City areas attending the UI, a rail option would be a convenient, affordable, environmentally friendly option of transportation.

Although a commuter rail system from Cedar Rapids to Iowa City would cut down on carbon emissions and commuter congestion, these are tough economic times. State and city budgets are stretched terribly thin. Such a rail has many opponents and would be very expensive. It is imperative during these troubled times that we prioritize projects that will both strengthen our infrastructure and benefit our communities. For that reason, it is best to put our money, time, and effort behind a project that will be shared with the Quad Cities and Chicago. Once community members have experienced the economic, environmental, and practical benefits of such a system, a light rail system will be an easier sell.

'It's a fucking valuable thing. You just don't give it away for nothing. I've got this thing, and it's fucking golden, and I'm just not giving it up for fucking nothing.'
— Rod Blagojevich, Illinois governor

Spinning Blago the boob



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Tuesday morning around 6, Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich awoke at home to a phone call from the FBI's Chicago office. The agent told him the agency had a warrant for his arrest, that two agents were outside his front door, and requested that the governor come quietly before the media (or Blagojevich's sleeping children) noticed what was going on. Before the governor complacently agreed and was handcuffed and led away, he asked "Is this a joke?"

Special agent in charge Robert Grant most likely did not say the following, but he certainly should have; "No, but you are."

I spent 50 minutes watching Tuesday morning's press conference with U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald, but I wasn't willing to invest the needed time a week before finals to read the full 76-page complaint that was filed (not yet). From the questions answered by Fitzgerald and the other reports that have hit the wires, I'm going to go out on a limb and say that the handful of the schemes publicly pointed out by the U.S. attorney is only the skimmed flotsam atop the massive vat of corrupt sewage that is Rod Blagojevich.

We can discern some things from the complaint, though others will likely be fleshed out in the ongoing investigation, one that began years ago. One, Blago sought a \$50,000 campaign contribution from the CEO of Children's Memorial Hospital in order for the hospital to receive state funds. Two, a bill on the governor's desk was being held up until he received a separate \$100,000 campaign contribution from one of its biggest supporters. Three, most notably, Blagojevich was shopping Barack Obama's former Senate seat to any and all takers, requesting kickbacks in exchange, but Rod was also considering taking the seat himself to add to his financial resources so that — in case he got into legal troubles — he would have more money to draw from. Four, Illinois needs two aspirin, and a good strong leadership enema.

Another significant aspect of Blagojevich's freshly ousted corruption schemes was his thin skin, or more specifically, its allergic reaction to criticism by the *Chicago Tribune* editorial board, which has been venomously scalding in its treatment of the governor. A day after the struggling TribCo filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, we learn that Blagojevich offered to grease the skids on TribCo's sale of the Chicago Cubs and Wrigley Field. The price — fire some of the editorial writers. The complaint quotes Blagojevich as saying of the editors, "Fire all those fucking people. Get them the fuck out of there and get us some editorial support." Those editors still work for the *Tribune* today, the Cubs and Wrigley Field are still up for sale, TribCo is still waiting its turn for a government bailout, and what's

more — the current governor of Illinois has been indicted on charges of conspiring to sell President-elect Barack Obama's seat in the Senate, and he still has the power to appoint Obama's replacement. NBC reported Wednesday that one candidate the Obama transition team suggested replace the former Illinois senator is Jesse Jackson Jr. However, no one on Obama's staff was willing to take part in Blago's "pay-for-play" game, and because of this, the governor felt no obligation to listen to the president-elect. "They're not willing to give me anything but appreciation? Fuck them."

After *Tribune* sources revealed that Blagojevich was being monitored, the FBI asked the paper to sit quiet on the information. The agency asked the paper eight weeks ago, and the *Tribune* complied, until Dec. 5. The eight weeks of delay, it seems, has given the bureau the ability to grab up enough information to make the move agents made on Tuesday. Good for the *Tribune*. Good for Illinois.

Sadly, the GOP's delusional media conspiristas are already jumping on the opportunity to point the finger at President-elect Obama, despite the fact that the results of years of investigation and the 76-page report explicitly state no wrongdoing by Obama or any member of his staff and despite the fact that Blagojevich's predecessor, Republican George Ryan, is just as likely to be Blagojevich's cell mate as any other inmate. *National Review* "reporter" Jim Geraghty thinks Obama is guilty of something because the president-elect didn't lose his temper in his public response to the scandal: "There was no glimpse of anger at the governor, no sense of betrayal in the tone of his words." Possibly because Obama's limited contact with Blagojevich didn't ever give birth to a sliver of loyalty or friendship between the two. RNC Chairman Mike Duncan claimed Wednesday on a conference call with reporters that Obama wasn't living up to his promise of change, because the governor of his home state is an idiot, not the president-elect. "What we're getting is the same old politics out of Chicago." Fair enough, but America voted for change in Washington, for the next four years, and as deity-like as he seems, Obama's lanky arm of influence doesn't exactly reach far enough to garner responsibility for what his old governor has been doing these many years in Illinois. Facts, detailed reports, quotations, testimony — none of it matters, because right-wingers and Obama haters will continue to accuse him of being involved in this foul debacle. They'll play the "six degrees of separation" game and connect the dots, despite the fact that many of the dots are imaginary, conjecture, and simply speculative ink stains and coffee rings. That's fine. Leave the cynical bastards to their games and their tin foil hats. The important thing is that steps can now be taken to get the wretch known as Gov. Rod Blagojevich out of office, and behind bars, and Illinois can once again attempt to move on from failed leadership in Springfield. ■

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Guest Opinion

Proposition 8 — boycott or blacklist?

Gays and lesbians — at least some of them — planned to refrain from working and shopping Wednesday as an expression of their dismay over Proposition 8, the Nov. 4 measure that banned same-sex marriage and as a showing of both their economic clout and their place in the larger community. If organizers carry it off, this is exactly the kind of tactic that can make a difference, though its impact might have been bigger before election day.

For all the complaints (mainly coming from the Yes-on-8 campaign), boycotts against corporations or organizations are a time-honored method of expressing opinions and pushing for social or political change. But in the superheated

Proposition 8 debate, this venerable tactic has occasionally been used in ugly ways.

It started when the directors of the Yes-on-8 campaign sent letters to various companies that had donated to the opposition camp. The missives warned donors to pay an equal amount to the "Yes" side or risk being publicly outed as opponents of "traditional marriage" (the implication being that they would then face a boycott). The tactic looked and quacked a lot like extortion. It's one thing to boycott, or threaten it; a demand for hush money goes over the line.

Since then, postelection boycott efforts by the other side — defenders of same-sex marriage — have expanded into a vengeful campaign against

individuals who donated to the gay-marriage ban, usually in the form of pressure on their employers. At least two people have resigned from their jobs and a third is considering it, including the artistic director of a stage company in Sacramento and a manager at an LA eatery.

As much as we abhorred Proposition 8, there's nothing to cheer about when private individuals are afraid to donate to the political campaigns of their choice because it may cost them their livelihood. In the case of Scott Eckern, who resigned from the California Musical Theatre in Sacramento, the future of the nonprofit company was at stake after some artists refused to work with him. But what if that situa-

tion were reversed and Eckern were targeted because he opposed Proposition 8? Or because he was gay? Professionals have to look past their personal and political differences or everyone with an opinion will be on an official list of undesirables.

The line between boycott and blacklist can be imprecise. Owners and officers of companies aren't just private individuals; they must accept that their political actions will reflect on the organizations they head and act accordingly. But a heated debate about a basic right — in this case, the right to marry whom one chooses — must also consider the rights of citizens to vote and donate without intimidation.

This editorial appeared in Wednesday's *LA Times*.

Nobelist: Focus on Middle East peace

'Peace is a question of will. All conflicts can be settled and there are no excuses for allowing them to become eternal'

— Martti Ahtisaari, Nobel Peace Prize winner



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Nobel Peace Prize laureate Martti Ahtisaari (left), the former president of Finland, lights the flame of peace with an unidentified girl outside the Nobel Peace Center ahead of the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony at City Hall in Oslo, Norway, on Wednesday.

By DOUG MELLGREN AND KARL RITTER
Associated Press

OSLO, Norway — Finnish mediator Martti Ahtisaari accepted this year's Nobel Peace Prize with a plea to President-elect Barack Obama: Start pressing for Middle East peace as soon as you can.

Receiving the coveted award in Oslo, the former Finnish president rejected the notion that "the Middle East knot can ever be untied" and criticized world leaders — as well as the Israelis and Palestinians — for letting the violence continue.

"The international community and those in power are sitting there letting them destroy each other," Ahtisaari, 71, told the Associated Press in an interview before Wednesday's prize ceremony. "They are allowing both parties to make their lives in the future even more complicated and difficult than it is today."

He iterated that call in his acceptance speech, with a special message to Obama.

"I do hope that the new president of the United States, who will be sworn in next month, will give high priority to the Middle East conflict during his first year in the office," he told dignitaries at Oslo's City Hall.

Obama has pledged to make progress on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict a key diplomatic priority. He has called for a sustained push to achieve the goal of two states, a Jewish state in Israel and a Palestinian state, that can exist in peace and security. He has also pledged to end the Iraq war and employ diplomacy more often than Bush.

Ahtisaari received this year's coveted Nobel Peace Prize for his three decades of peace work spanning three continents.

He was a senior Finnish diplomat when in 1977 he was named the U.N. envoy for Namibia, where guerrillas were battling South African apartheid rule. He later became undersecretary-general, and in 1988, he was dispatched to Namibia to lead 8,000 U.N. peacekeepers during its transition to independence.

"No single diplomat did more than he did to deliver Namibia's independence," committee chairman Ole Danbolt Mjoes said.

After serving as Finnish president 1994-2000, Ahtisaari returned to peace efforts in Kosovo and in Indonesia, where he negotiated a 2005 peace deal between the government and Aceh rebels.

Ahtisaari, who founded the Crisis Management Initiative, a mediation group, has not sought a role in the Middle East, saying the process was already in good hands with former British Prime Minister Tony Blair mediating.

"It's difficult if you have too many cooks in the kitchen," he said.

By selecting Ahtisaari for the prize, the Nobel committee returned its focus to traditional peace work after tapping climate campaigner Al Gore and the U.N. panel on climate change last year.

In his speech, Ahtisaari insisted that wars and conflicts are not inevitable.

"Peace is a question of will. All conflicts can be settled and there are no excuses for allowing them to become eternal," he said.

He also warned the global financial crisis would strike hard at the developing world, and urged governments to not cut back on foreign aid.

The peace prize ceremony was in Oslo, while the Nobel awards in medicine, physics, chemistry, literature, and economics were presented in the

Swedish capital, Stockholm, in line with the 1895 will of prize founder Alfred Nobel.

U.S. economist and *New York Times* columnist Paul Krugman accepted the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences for his analysis of how economies of scale can affect international trade patterns.

The medicine prize cited French researchers Françoise Barre-Sinoussi and Luc Montagnier for their discovery of human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, in 1983. They shared the award with Germany's Harald zur Hausen, who was honored for finding viruses that cause cervical cancer.

Japan's Osamu Shimomura and Americans Martin Chalfie and Roger Tsien shared the chemistry prize for discovering and developing a fluorescent protein, while Japanese scientists Makoto Kobayashi and Toshihide Maskawa split the physics award with American Yoichiro Nambu for research on the smallest particles of matter. Nambu, 87, canceled his trip to Stockholm for health reasons and was to receive his award at a ceremony in Chicago.

The Swedish Academy continued a trend of honoring European writers by selecting Frenchman Jean-Marie Gustave Le Clezio for the literature prize. The author of more than 40 works including *The Book of Flights* and *Desert*, Le Clezio holds dual nationality with Mauritius and spends much of his time in Albuquerque, N.M.

The prizes — including a \$1.2 million purse, a diploma, and a gold medal — are always handed out on Dec. 10, the anniversary of Nobel's death in 1896.

Fortunes of war

By BUSHRA JUHI
Associated Press

BAGHDAD — She was a beautiful, round-faced little girl with large, coal-black eyes and an instant smile. Two years later, the 3-year-old is blind and scarred, her mother is dead, and her father's new wife can't cope with caring for her.

Shams, whose name in Arabic means "sun," is among tens of thousands of Iraqis whose suffering will linger long after the war ends.

Shams' young life changed on Nov. 23, 2006, when a car bomb exploded near her father's pickup as he was driving his family — his wife, two sons, and the daughter — home after a visit to his wife's parents in the Shiite district of Sadr City.

The blast engulfed their car in flames. Shams and her mother, who was fatally injured in the blast, were thrown from the back seat into street. Her father, Husham Fadhil, tried to douse the flames on his wife's clothing.

But there was little he could do for his 1-year-old daughter, lying face down next to her dying mother.

"I was totally preoccupied with putting out the flames which were burning my wife's body," Fadhil, 32, said. "Then, I lifted Shams and saw her face covered with blood. I thought that they were caused by minor injuries that would heal. Later, I learned that the blood was coming from her badly injured eyes."

The car bomb was one of a series of attacks in Sadr City, including rocket and mortar fire. Iraq's medical and rescue services were strained to cope



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Three-year-old Shams is held by her grandmother at their home in Baghdad on Dec. 1. Shams' young life changed on Nov. 23, 2006, when a car bomb exploded near her father's pickup as he was driving his family. The blast left Shams blind and killed her mother.

with the carnage that day, when about 160 people were killed.

Ambulance attendants loaded the dead and wounded into vehicles and sped off to hospitals. Fadhil's wife Wafa, Shams, and the two boys — 3-year-old Taif and 5-year-old Gaith — were rushed to separate hospitals. It took Fadhil hours to track them down.

"After searching for 24 hours, I found her in the Medical City compound," he said. "The doctors there took care of her burns but neglected her eye injuries" that left her blind.

In 2007, Fadhil took his daughter to Amman, Jordan, with the assistance of Doctors Without Borders. But the Jordanian doctors told him there was little they could do because Shams didn't get proper treatment at the time she was wounded.

"Had there been proper treatment of her eyes at that time, she could have at least had one of her eyes safe and active by now."

Months later, Fadhil took her to Iran, hoping for a miracle cure.

"All of them gave us the same response," he said. "They said take her to Europe. There doctors can transplant corneas for her. But no one seems ready to help us get her there."

After his wife's death, Fadhil remarried. But the new wife refused to care for Shams, who was given to her father's relatives next door in eastern Baghdad.

Two years after the blast, Shams walks haphazardly through the house, finding her way by touching the wall with her tiny pinkish fingers. If she bumps into someone, she clutches them and asks to be hugged or carried.

Princeton settles suit, retains endowment

By JUSTIN POPE
Associated Press

Princeton University will pay out nearly \$100 million but maintain control of a much-larger endowment that supports its prestigious public-affairs school, under a settlement announced Tuesday between the Ivy League school and the disgruntled heirs of a major donor.

The 6-year-old legal saga was closely followed by nonprofits nationwide as a cautionary tale of what can go wrong when a donor's family and the gift's recipient fall into disagreement over how it should be spent.

The case pitted heirs of Charles and Marie Robertson, who held the A&P grocery fortune, against the university, and it had already cost each side more than \$40 million in legal fees. At dispute was a 1961 donation of \$35 million, which eventually grew to \$900 million, to support Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

The heirs argued the money was intended only to prepare students for U.S. government employment. Princeton main-

tains that the terms of the gift allowed it to be spent preparing students for a wider range of public-service careers and that it would set a dangerous precedent to allow heirs of the donor to interfere.

Both sides presented themselves as winners. Tuesday's agreement, which still requires a judge's approval, requires Princeton to pay \$40 million over three years to the family for legal fees and, starting with payments in 2012, \$50 million plus interest from its Robertson Foundation endowment funds to support a separate foundation outside the university. That foundation would further the mission of preparing students for federal employment.

However, the Robertson Foundation will dissolve and its assets will be transferred to Princeton, which will use them to fund the foundation's goals "as understood and interpreted solely by Princeton," according to the agreement's key language.

Leslie Lenkowsky, a professor at the Center of Philanthropy at Indiana University, said that while the settlement skirted the key legal issue of whether Princeton had violated a donor's

intent, "Princeton has essentially acknowledged that it had some culpability here."

"The message it will send," he said, "is you have to take the donor's intent very seriously."

Princeton President Shirley Tilghman, in a letter to university members, called it "tragic that this lawsuit required the expenditure of tens of millions of dollars of legal fees that could have and should have been spent on educational purposes."

The university settled, she said, because the agreement upheld the key principal of maintaining university control over academic decisions. She also said Princeton believed it would be stuck paying the plaintiffs' legal fees even if it won at trial, which would cost the school an extra \$20 million for its own battalion of lawyers.

But William Robertson, the son of Charles and Marie Robertson, called the settlement "more than a slap on the wrist."

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Governor's arrest puts wife in spotlight



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Illinois First Lady Patti Blagojevich (left) applauds with her father, Richard Mell (center), during inauguration-day ceremonies for her husband, Gov. Rod Blagojevich, in Springfield, Ill., on Jan. 13, 2003. Patti Blagojevich is at the center of a federal investigation of her husband. Mell, a powerful Chicago alderman, is widely credited with launching Rod Blagojevich's political career.

By **DON BABWIN**
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Gov. Rod Blagojevich has some close company in his misery.

His arrest this week on corruption charges also shone a spotlight on Patti Blagojevich, his wife and a mother of two. The first lady may have been introduced to the public by profanity-laced tirades as outlined by federal prosecutors, but she already was being investigated for her real-estate dealings.

Federal prosecutors on Tuesday laid out their allegations of a brazen money grab by Blagojevich, saying he plotted to sell President-elect Barack Obama's vacant Senate seat. And in the 78-page criminal complaint against him, his 43-year-old wife emerged as a woman who schemed to cash in on her husband's job and punish those who got in her way.

She has not been charged with any wrongdoing, and she has not spoken publicly since her husband's arrest. Nor did she appear in court with him Tuesday, and she did not return a message left Wednesday with Blagojevich's administration.

However, according to the complaint, she was the voice in the background spewing an ugly suggestion to "just fire" some newspaper editors if the Tribune Co. held for state assistance to sell Wrigley Field, the storied home of the Chicago Cubs.

"Hold up that [expletive] Cubs [expletive]," she says as her husband is talking on the telephone. "[Expletive] them."

There she was in full support, according to the complaint, of her husband's suggestion that the price of the governor naming a replacement for Obama's Senate seat include a six-figure seat on a corporate board.

But in Illinois, those allegations mark the latest chapter in what may be considered a quintessential Chicago story. Patti Blagojevich is both a businesswoman whose lucrative real-estate deals have raised questions about whether her position as first lady helped her make a lot of money and a key player in a family drama between two powerful politicians — her husband and her father, Richard Mell.

He was a powerful Chicago alderman who held a fundraiser in the late 1980s. Hoping to drum up business for his practice, Rod Blagojevich — then a young lawyer — attended and met Patti Mell. The two married in 1990.

Two years later, Mell used his political connections to get 200 soldiers to campaign for his son-in-law. Blagojevich ended up beating a powerful incumbent to win the state representative post, setting in motion a career that took him to Congress and in 2002 to the governor's mansion.

Patti Blagojevich appeared to be a woman who knew her priorities and would not let working at her real-estate brokerage firm interfere with raising the couple's two small daughters.

"Lady Patti Blagojevich knows exactly what comes first in her life," read the headline in a glowing 2005 *Chicago Tribune* profile.

"What I put my focus on mostly is the girls," she told the paper. "Once you put your focus there, the rest falls into place."

But even before that story ran, Patti Blagojevich was in the middle of a public feud between her husband and her father that largely stemmed from the governor's shutting down of a landfill run by a distant relative of her mother.

Mell was incensed, saying his son-in-law was willing to "throw anyone under the bus."

He also told reporters that his daughter had "blinders on" when it came to the governor and that she would "wake up one day" to understand what her husband was really like.

There were whispers that Mell was not allowed to see the family as much as he liked, something Mell seemed to give credence to with a tearful announcement that he wanted to end his battle with Blagojevich.

"I've got a granddaughter who loves to fish, and she hasn't been up to Lake Geneva for two years like she used to come," he said.

Until Tuesday, the most recent news stories about Patti Blagojevich have been those that raised questions about her business dealings.

In 2005, for example, a published report said she received nearly \$50,000 from a real-estate deal three years earlier involving Antoin "Tony" Rezko. In June, Rezko was convicted of using clout with the Blagojevich administration to help launch a multi-million-dollar kickback scheme.

WORLD

Police say Indian helped smuggle Pakistani gunmen

NEW DELHI (AP) — The Pakistani-based militant group blamed for the Mumbai attacks kept an Indian militant as a "point man" to shepherd gunmen across India's porous borders to stage attacks, police said Wednesday.

Sabauddin Ahmed, accused of managing militant safe houses in Nepal, was being brought to Mumbai for questioning in last month's attacks that left 171 dead. Ahmed was arrested in February following a deadly raid on an Indian police station.

Ahmed's position in Nepal extends the reach of Lashkar-e-Taiba, the group inves-

tigators blame for the Mumbai siege, and could represent another blow to Indian officials who say Pakistan-based militants were entirely responsible.

"He was their main point man in Katmandu, a very trusted man by Lashkar," said Amitabh Yash, director of the police's Special Task Force in Uttar Pradesh, which arrested him.

Police said it was too early to determine whether Ahmed was involved in the Mumbai siege, but he was arrested along with another Indian militant who was found with a map highlighting Mumbai targets. Police say the operative, Faheem Ansari, had been preparing for the attacks since 2007.

Ahmed told interrogators he had contacts with several officials from Pakistan's spy service, the Directorate

for Inter-Services Intelligence, Yash said. "He named a lot of ISI officers," Yash said.

Greece: 2 policemen held in jail over teen's death

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — A court has ordered two policemen to be held in jail pending trial for a teenager's fatal shooting, which has sparked five days of rioting in Greek cities.

One officer has been charged with murder for allegedly shooting dead 15-year-old Alexandros Grigoropoulos. The other has been charged as an accomplice to murder. No trial date has been set.



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Tim Tebow

FOOTBALL

Tebow, pair of Big 12 QBs are Heisman finalists

NEW YORK (AP) — Tim Tebow will go for two against a pair of talented quarterbacks from the Big 12 when the Heisman Trophy is handed out Saturday night.

Sam Bradford from Oklahoma and Colt McCoy from Texas joined Tebow as Heisman finalists announced Wednesday.

Tebow, the rugged and multi-talented junior from Florida, was the first sophomore to win the Heisman last year, and he is now trying to become the second player to win it twice.

Archie Griffin won the Heisman as a junior in 1974 for Ohio State and again in 1975.

Tebow's Gators will play Bradford and the Sooners in the BCS national-championship game Jan. 8 in Miami.

BASEBALL

K-Rod, Mets finalize \$37M deal

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Francisco Rodriguez and the New York Mets completed their \$37 million, three-year contract Wednesday.

Rodriguez saved 62 games for the Los Angeles Angels this past season, five more than the previous big league mark set by Bobby Thippen of the Chicago White Sox in 1990, and then filed for free agency.

"One of our primary goals this offseason was to secure a top of the line closer to anchor our bullpen and by acquiring Frankie Rodriguez we feel confident that we have one of the best closers in the majors," Met general manager Omar Minaya said in a statement.



Rodriguez pitcher

Tigers acquire Jackson from Rays

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The Tigers acquired right-hander Edwin Jackson from the Tampa Bay Rays on Wednesday for outfielder Matt Joyce, Detroit's second trade in three days at the winter meetings.

Jackson is set to join a rotation alongside Justin Verlander, Armando Galarraga, and Jeremy Bonderman, who had surgery in late June to correct a condition that caused a blood clot in his pitching arm.

Detroit general manager Dave Dombrowski has filled two of the Tigers' biggest off-season needs after trading for catcher Gerald Laird on Monday. Laird was acquired from the Rangers in a swap that sent right-handed pitching prospects Guillermo Moscoso and Carlos Melo to Texas.

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Shonn Greene scores the first touchdown of the game against Minnesota during the first quarter in the Metrodome in Minneapolis on Nov. 22. Greene has rushed for more than 100 yards in every game this season — the only running back in the nation to do so.

Greene awaits Doak decision

Shonn Greene is as one of three candidates for today's Doak Walker award.

By ALEX JOHNSON
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In a time when Barack Obama may have won the presidential election on his policies to go "green" and every company from Ford to local florists have become environmentally conscious, even Iowa football is relying on its own sustainability expert:

Shonn Greene is good — no, great — for the Hawkeye foot-

ball environment.

He's the Big Ten Player of the Year, the conference's Offensive Player of the Year, he's on the league's first-team, he's an All-American, a Heisman dark horse (who was ultimately snuffed of even a New York invitation), and shining in his Black-and-Gold armor, he is up as one of three finalists for the Doak Walker Award for the nation's best run-

Doak Walker Award Finalists (award for nation's top running back)

When: 6:30 P.M.

Where: ORLANDO

Where to watch or listen: ESPN

ning back. The announcement will come later today.

But until the Doak is given, Greene will hang in Orlando, Fla., with Georgia's Knowshon Moreno and Michigan State's Javon Ringer.

"I'm very, very honored. There are a lot of great backs this year,

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Running Back (School)	Carries-Rushing Yards-Average	Rushing TDs	Long
Shonn Greene (Iowa)	278-1729-6.2	17	75
Javon Ringer (Michigan State)	370-1590-4.3	21	64
Knowshon Moreno (Georgia)	227-1338-5.9	16	68

and to be one of the top backs, it's a great thing for me," Greene said. "I look forward to going down there and seeing what happens. I'm in great company with Knowshon Moreno and then Javon Ringer."

And while Moreno was the subject of hundreds of "Know-shon?" jokes and preseason highlight films (and some in-season shots of

"the hurdle"), Ringer was the subject of 370 carries and a great deal of midseason hype as the Big Ten's best back, and possibly as the nation's.

Then there was Greene. He wasn't the subject of national discussion, rather, he made opponents the subject of his

SEE GREENE, 3B

Hoopsters wary of letdown

The Iowa women's basketball team will take on Northern Iowa tonight in Carver-Hawkeye.

By JEFF PAWOLA
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The women's hoops team (5-4) will face its rival from the north, Northern Iowa (2-5), in Carver-Hawkeye Arena at 7:06 p.m. today.

Fresh off a dominating victory over Iowa State, the Hawkeyes look to follow up the 66-46 victory in strong fashion. The victory over the Cyclones was Iowa's first since 2004 and put them in a position to be the best team in the state.

"We're in the middle of the rivalry series right now, and we feel like we had a good first step," head coach Lisa Bluder said. "Now, we have to guard against any letdowns and make a good second step against the Panthers."



Bluder coach

The last time Iowa claimed the state championship was also the last time they beat the Cyclones. Ranked No. 22 at the time, Iowa State was the third-straight ranked opponent the Hawkeyes faced and became the only one in the set to be defeated.

Preceding the Cyclones were No. 3 California and No. 12 Duke, which had an average margin of

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F JoAnn Hamlin	6-3	Jr.
C Megan Skouby	6-6	Sr.
Northern Iowa (2-5)		
G Nicole Clausen	5-9	Jr.
G Jacqui Kalin	5-8	So.
F Indy Uhlenhopp	5-11	Fr.
F Erin Brocke	5-11	So.
C Alexa Mennen	6-1	Jr.

victory of just under 30 points over the Hawkeyes. However, Iowa took the losses as learning experiences and moved forward.

"Duke and California were great teams. You look at the score, and we got killed by [almost 30 points]," senior Wendy Ausdemore said. "We did a lot of great things and showed some things that we can do. But also saw what we need to do and the physicality of it just got us ready."

"If you just looked at [Duke and California], they were all taller than us and stronger than us. But it just helped us get ready for our next game."

Unlike their previous games, the Hawkeyes hold the height advantage over the Panthers with three starters towering 6-2 or taller; Northern Iowa's tallest starter is 6-1. Despite the height

Hawks face Panthers

Familiar foes await inside the McLeod Center tonight, as No. 1 Iowa battles No. 24 Northern Iowa.

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By RYAN YOUNG
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Historically, the rivalry between Iowa and Northern Iowa has been dramatically lopsided. It fact, it hardly merits rivalry status.

The Panthers have only beaten the Hawkeyes eight times — the last victory coming during the 1973-74 season.

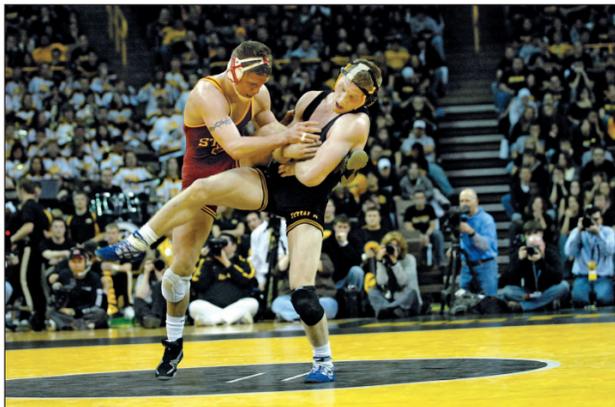
But while the excitement inside the McLeod Center tonight may not parallel the national ruckus generated by last weekend's Iowa-Iowa State intrastate clash, Hawkeye head coach Tom Brands is still looking for zeal.

At No. 24, the Panthers are still a ranked Division-I team with five returning NCAA qualifiers under coach Brad Penrith, a former Iowa wrestler and NCAA champion.

"Overall thoughts are, we have 10 weights, a quick turnaround, and we have to build," Brands said. "Quick turnaround, that's what we like."

Piloted by a trio of ranked grapplers, the Panthers' most formidable foe is senior Moza Fay, the No. 2 at 165 who earned All-American honors last season after placing fifth at the NCAA championships.

Iowa junior Ryan Morningstar, No. 4 at 165, will face Fay in the night's marquee match, seeking to extend a nine-match victory run he's tallied since late November.



BENJAMIN ROBERTS/THE DAILY IOWAN

Junior Hawkeye wrestler Ryan Morningstar defeats Iowa State's Jon Reader, 2-0, in the 165-pound class on Dec. 6 in Carver-Hawkeye. The win helped Iowa beat the Cyclones, 20-15.

ON THE WEB

See how the No. 1 Hawkeye wrestlers are gearing up for their second-consecutive match against a ranked opponent at dailyiowan.com.

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That may be more than feasible after his inspiring upset six days ago, especially with their history. Morningstar and Fay go way back, having wrestled each other as kids and prep standouts.

Their lone collegiate match at the 2006 dual meet ended in Morningstar's favor — a 5-3 sudden-victory decision.

"We're pretty familiar with each other," Morningstar said. "I don't see it as a huge advantage, I

PROBABLE MATCH-UPS:

- 125** — No. 2 Charlie Falk (I) vs. Caleb Flores (UNI)
- 133** — No. 11 Daniel Dennis (I) vs. Josh Baldridge (UNI)
- 141** — No. 1 Alex Tsirtsis (I) vs. Trent Washington (UNI)
- 149** — No. 1 Brent Metcalf (I) vs. No. 18 Charlie Ettelson/ Trevor Kittleson (UNI)
- 157** — Matt Ballweg (I) vs. Tyson Reiner (UNI)
- 165** — No. 4 Ryan Morningstar (I) vs. No. 2 Moza Fay (UNI)
- 174** — No. 2 Jay Borschel (I) vs. Jarion Beets/ Scott Hazen (UNI)
- 184** — No. 3 Phillip Keddy (I) vs. Open
- 197** — Rick Loera (I) vs. No. 15 Andrew Anderson (UNI)
- Hwt.** — No. 19 Dan Erekson (I) vs. Christian Brantley

guess, because it's been since my freshman year since I've wrestled him. Time has changed a lot."

Meanwhile, the Hawkeye lineup has a definite 133-pounder since flopping between a pair of qualified candidates early during the season.

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WOMEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

	Conference		All Games	
	W	L Pct.	W	L Pct.
Wisconsin	0	0 .000	9	1 .900
Minnesota	0	0 .000	8	2 .800
Ohio State	0	0 .000	7	2 .778
Indiana	0	0 .000	6	2 .750
Michigan State	0	0 .000	6	3 .667
Michigan	0	0 .000	6	4 .600
Iowa	0	0 .000	5	4 .556
Penn State	0	0 .000	5	4 .556
Purdue	0	0 .000	5	4 .556
Illinois	0	0 .000	4	6 .400
Northwestern	0	0 .000	2	6 .250

Wednesday's Games
 Michigan 63, Notre Dame 59, OT
 Valparaiso 71, Purdue 60
 Illinois 63, Wisconsin-Milwaukee 61
 Wisconsin 59, Wisconsin-Green Bay 47
Today's Game
 Northern Iowa at Iowa, 7 p.m. BTN

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EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic	20	2	.909	—
Boston	11	9	.550	8
New Jersey	10	12	.455	10
Toronto	9	12	.429	10½
Philadelphia	9	13	.409	11
Southeast				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	17	5	.773	—
Atlanta	12	9	.571	4½
Miami	12	9	.571	4½
Charlotte	7	15	.318	10
Washington	4	15	.211	11½
Central				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	13	6	.687	—
Detroit	11	9	.550	7
Chicago	10	11	.476	8½
Milwaukee	9	15	.375	11
Indiana	7	14	.333	11½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Southwest	14	8	.636	—
New Orleans	13	8	.619	½
Houston	11	9	.550	2
Dallas	7	15	.318	7
Northwest				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	15	7	.682	—
Portland	14	9	.609	½
Utah	14	9	.609	½
Minnesota	4	17	.190	10½
Oklahoma City	2	21	.087	13½
Pacific				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	18	3	.857	—
Phoenix	13	10	.565	6
Golden State	7	15	.318	11½
Sacramento	6	16	.273	12½
L.A. Clippers	4	17	.190	14

Wednesday's Games
 Toronto 101, Indiana 88
 New York 121, New Jersey 109
 Memphis 108, Oklahoma City 102
 Cleveland 101, Philadelphia 93
 New Orleans 95, Charlotte 89
 San Antonio 95, Atlanta 89
 Denver 116, Minnesota 105
 L.A. Lakers 115, Phoenix 110
 Golden State 119, Milwaukee 96
Today's Games
 Boston at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Charlotte at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
 Portland at Utah, 9:30 p.m.

MEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

	Conference		All Games	
	W	L PCT	W	L PCT
Minnesota	0	0 .000	9	0 1.000
Ohio St.	0	0 .000	5	0 1.000
Illinois	0	0 .000	9	1 .900
Northwestern	0	0 .000	6	1 .857
Iowa	0	0 .000	8	2 .800
Penn St.	0	0 .000	8	2 .800
Purdue	0	0 .000	7	2 .778
Wisconsin	0	0 .000	7	2 .778
Michigan	0	0 .000	6	2 .750
Michigan St.	0	0 .000	5	2 .714
Indiana	0	0 .000	5	4 .556

Wednesday's Games
 Penn State 60, Army 45
 Illinois 89, Chicago State 50
 Indiana 66, TCU 56
 Minnesota 74, South Dakota State 60
Friday's Game
 Iowa State at Iowa, 7:05 p.m. BTN

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Team	W	L	OT	Pts
Atlantic	19	10	2	40
N.Y. Rangers	15	9	4	34
Pittsburgh	14	7	6	34
Philadelphia	15	8	2	32
New Jersey	10	16	2	22
N.Y. Islanders	19	5	4	42
Northwest				
Team	W	L	OT	Pts
Boston	16	6	5	37
Montreal	14	11	3	31
Buffalo	10	12	6	26
Toronto	10	11	5	25
Ottawa	16	10	3	35
Washington	13	12	3	29
Carolina	12	12	3	27
Florida	9	14	4	22
Atlanta	6	14	8	20
Tampa Bay	6	14	8	20
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Team	W	L	OT	Pts
Central	19	4	4	42
Detroit	13	6	7	33
Chicago	14	12	2	30
Nashville	12	12	3	27
St. Louis	11	3	21	28
Columbus	11	13	3	25
Northwest				
Team	W	L	OT	Pts
Vancouver	16	10	3	35
Calgary	16	11	2	34
Minnesota	15	10	5	32
Colorado	14	13	1	29
Edmonton	13	11	2	28
Pacific				
Team	W	L	OT	Pts
San Jose	22	3	2	46
Anaheim	16	10	3	35
Phoenix	13	13	2	28
Los Angeles	11	12	4	26
Dallas	10	13	4	24

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Wednesday's Games
 Buffalo 4, Tampa Bay 2
 Washington 3, Boston 1
 N.Y. Rangers 3, Atlanta 2, OT
 New Jersey 4, Pittsburgh 1
 Detroit 4, Calgary 3, OT
 Chicago 2, Ottawa 0
 Phoenix 5, Dallas 3
 Anaheim 4, St. Louis 2
Today's Games
 Tampa Bay at Montreal, 6 p.m.
 Nashville at Columbus, 6 p.m.
 Carolina at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
 N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
 Florida at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
 Minnesota at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
 Anaheim at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
 St. Louis at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

By the Associated Press
BASEBALL
American League
 KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Claimed RHP Jairo Cuevas off waivers from Atlanta.
National League
 LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with INF Mark Loretta on a one-year contract.
 NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with RHP Francisco Rodriguez on a three-year contract.
 PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Acquired C Ronny Paulino from Pittsburgh for C Jason Jaramillo.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Released RHP Jesus Colome.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
 NEW ORLEANS HORNETS—Acquired a conditional second-round draft pick from Memphis.
 PHOENIX SUNS—Traded G Raja Bell, F Boris Diaw and G Sean Singletary to the Charlotte Bobcats for G Jason Richardson, F Jared Dudley and a 2010 second-round draft pick.
 WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Traded a first-round draft pick to Memphis for G Javaris Crittenton.
 Traded G Antonio Daniels to New Orleans for G Mike James. Waived G Dee Brown.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
 BUFFALO BILLS—Signed LB Vince Hall to the practice squad.
 CINCINNATI BENGALS—Placed DE Eric Henderson on injured reserve. Signed DE Chris Harrington from Arizona's practice squad. Waived G Justin Britt from the reserve/injured list.
 DENVER BRONCOS—Signed TE Jeb Putzier. Waived S Herana-Daze Jones. Signed RB Steve Baylark to the practice squad.
 NEW YORK JETS—Signed S J.R. Reed.
 ST. LOUIS RAMS—Placed CB Tye Hill on injured reserve. Claimed CB Quincy Butler off waivers from the Dallas Cowboys.
 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed FB Carl Stewart to the practice squad.
 SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Signed C Donovan Raiola to the practice squad.
 WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed OL D'Anthony Bates.

By ZACH SMITH
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Students all over campus have dug out their warm clothes to stave off the frigid winds of winter.

Except the members of the Iowa track team. In fact, things are just starting to heat up for the Hawkeyes in the Recreation Building, much to the approval of head coach Larry Wiecezorek.

He said it's key for his team to start off the season hot and then "continue to add logs to the fire." But the 22-year head coach knows a fire can't start without a spark.

Fortunately for him, Iowa returns a handful of athletes who can set the team ablaze at any minute, headlined by All-Americans Eric MacTaggart and John Hickey.

Hickey, a two-time Big Ten champion, qualified for the NCAA championships last spring in the shot put during the outdoor season, and he was an All-American during the indoor. With these credentials heading into his senior season, Wiecezorek said, it's all about consistency for the big man.

"One of my beliefs in general about indoor and outdoor track is that the same people indoors are the same people outdoors," he said. "Hickey, of course, has been a Big Ten champion, so he's already at that level where he wants to be."

MacTaggart, on the other hand, was an All-American in 2006 after placing 11th in the 10,000 meters in the outdoor NCAA championships. After redshirting a year ago and a disappointing cross-country season this fall, Wiecezorek said, MacTaggart is focused on getting back to All-American caliber.

The Hawks will also get a boost from senior A.J. Curtis. He was a qualifier for the out-

ON THE WEB
 A pair of senior throwers, John Hickey and A.J. Curtis, head a Hawkeye track and field team that's anxious to go; check out what's going on before it all starts at dailyiowan.com.

door NCAA championships in both the shot put and discus last spring. The Brodhead, Wis., native is a school record-holder in the discus (with a throw of 202-11), as well as a team captain, and Wiecezorek said his broad shoulders will be a sturdy foundation for Iowa.

"We expect a lot out of him," the coach said. "Off the field, in terms of leadership. On the field, he's a scorer in the shot and discus, so he is very important to our success."

Some things have changed with the track and field programs, though. For the first time in school history, there is technically no men's track team or women's track team. Instead, the two squads together make up one big, happy Iowa track and field team after their consolidation in September.

Wiecezorek and women's head coach Layne Anderson will share administrative responsibilities for the team. For example, the two coaches coordinate the team's schedules and divide specific coaching responsibilities not by sex but by event.

With the Hawkeyes' indoor track season opening Jan. 10 with a dual meet against Illinois, Wiecezorek and the Iowa coaching staff got a good look at the strides their athletes have made in the offseason during the annual intrasquad competition Dec. 7.

"I was really happy with our freshmen and our red-shirt freshmen," Wiecezorek said. "D'Juan Richardson and Patrick Richards in the sprints — those two guys really looked good and bring a lot of talent."



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 Eric MacTaggart rounds the turn in a 1,600-meter race during the Iowa track and field intrasquad meet in the Recreation Building on Sunday.

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Women to rely on youth

Women's track looks to move up in the Big Ten.

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During their Hawkeye careers, 2008 graduates Kineke Alexander, Meghan Armstrong, Tammilee Kerr, Diane Nukuri, and Jessica Schmidt combined for 16 All-American honors, four regional titles, 13 All-Region honors, and nine Big Ten titles.

Subtract those credentials, along with several other departing point scorers, and it is easy to see why a lot of questions surround the 2009 version of the women's track team.

"Well, we have a fairly young team, and we lost quite a bit of firepower from last year," second-year head coach Layne Anderson said. "We are going to be relying on a lot of young kids to really step up their performances."

The Hawkeyes will enjoy the return of senior Renee White, the 2008 indoor Big Ten champion in the triple jump. White will also lead the team in the 60-meter hurdles and long jump once again.

"She will be our leader on and off the track by example, by performance, and through her voice," Anderson said. "She is a very vocal person and a team person."

ON THE WEB
 Second-year head coach Layne Anderson is gunning for a strong follow-up season from the women's track and field team; see how at dailyiowan.com.

(7.68) and 300 (39.62) at the team's intrasquad meet Dec. 7. Roberts feels for this year's track team to be successful, the sprinters, jumpers, and hurdlers need to be the anchor for the team.

"I think it must be for us to compete in the Big Ten, sprinting and jumping have got to be up there," he said. "In past years, the Big Ten has been known more as a distance conference, but Penn State showed last year you can win by having very good sprinters, and we expect to have Trustee, Farley, Praska, and White lead us in that direction."

The lone Hawkeye thrower will be Mandy Chandler, who, according to 13th-year throwing coach Scott Cappos, is a few feet away from scoring at the Big Ten level in the shot put.

"I think by the time the season is over, she might be able to be in the mix at the Big Ten championships, and that would be a huge accomplishment for her," Cappos said. "Mandy is a good starting point with what we are doing, and she has been a good ambassador with recruits. She has got a lot of potential to be successful, and it's just unfortunate that she is the only thrower."

Anderson has been trying to get the Hawkeyes out of the middle of the pack in the Big Ten (they finished sixth last season), but he is unsure of how realistic it is to move up with his current group of runners.

"It is hard to really assess where we are at," he said. "We definitely don't want to be toward the back of the confer-



PATRICK LARKIN/THE DAILY IOWAN
 Hawkeye triple jumper Renee White takes a leap during the intrasquad meet in the Recreation Building on Sunday. White, a senior, was the 2008 indoor Big Ten champion in the triple jump; she also leads the team in the 60-meter hurdles and long jump.

ence, but if we could just hold serve and do what we have done the last couple of years, I think with this group and where our program is now that would be a fantastic accomplishment."

Following the intrasquad meet last week, Anderson made sure his team knew where they stood.

"We sat in the bleaches after the intersquad meet, and I

said, 'Look to your left, look to your right, look behind you, and look in front of you; this is who we are counting on, the people that are sitting in these bleachers,'" Anderson said. "I challenged everybody to be a difference maker and come to meets with the attitude they are going to score points and help us, somehow, some way."

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clobbering runs. Bashing through opponents like a rabid buck in a hall of mirrors, Greene made his presence known with a car-crash running style and a penchant for victimizing wannabe-tacklers.

"It's tremendous opening up holes for a guy like Shonn Greene," offensive lineman Julian Vandervelde said before facing Northwestern. "Every time he runs somebody over, it makes us want to open up the holes a little bit wider."

"When you got a guy who's going to run downhill and run hard like that and really wants to run the ball, we want to get him as many touches as possible."

His running attitude earned him the nickname "Greene Monster," but the title hardly lives up to the show.

Greene's favorite touchdown from the year was his 52-yard streak against Wisconsin, but head coach Kirk Ferentz's top choice truly demonstrates the erupting style of Greene's running — against Purdue, No. 23 had a Boilermaker breach the blocking and get into the backfield, only to have Greene unload a meteoric blow, lopping the defender into a crumble on the turf before jaunting to the

left and into the end zone 14 yards later.

Most of Kinnick Stadium was cringing in empathy for the heap left lying on the grass, but shortly after, the crowd let out a raucous, amazed, and baffled cheer, one of almost pure disbelief at what it had seen.

And as much as that stuck out as No. 1 in Ferentz's memory, what's more impressive to the 10-year veteran was the way Greene trampled defenders on a game-by-game basis with the same tremendous effort.

"With all due respect to the other backs, and there are a lot of great backs," Ferentz said Sunday, "but if you look at it game-to-game, and I'd imagine if you look at the bottom line, I think it's probably pretty academic."

"If he's not the guy, then that's kind of like Bob Sanders not being an All-American."

Ferentz, who rarely praises players beyond saying they're individuals he loves having around, might've, with that comment, come closer to campaigning than he ever has — something he usually likes to let the on-field production do for itself. (Yet somehow, it's fitting that Ferentz would use perhaps the only Hawkeye he coached that could rival Greene in pound-for-pound hitting power.)

"I'm biased, but you know, it's a no-brainer," Ferentz said. "I mean

just, all you have to do is look at the production game-in and game-out. I thought his best performance was against Penn State. That's a real salty defense. The holes closed quickly, and I thought he was a huge part of our victory in that game."

"That was probably his toughest performance, but he had a lot of good ones."

Even Ferentz couldn't have understated that any more.

Greene bombarded Wisconsin for 217 yards and four touchdowns — the one for 52 yards, another for 12 and two for 34 (one of which was ESPN's top play after Greene broke what seemed like nearly 300 tackles). He also smashed through the Purdue defense for 211 yards and two touchdowns. But it went beyond that. Greene went for 159 yards against Northwestern, 157 on Michigan State, 147 versus Pittsburgh and 144 against Minnesota. Only four times did Greene not break 120 yards, and just twice did he fail to break 110.

But in all 12 games in 2008, Greene ran for more than 100.

And that's why, above all other facts and figures, it's safe to say — even if he isn't handed the Doak Walker Award — Ferentz and the Hawkeyes will continue to benefit from going Green(e).

Wrestlers set for UNI

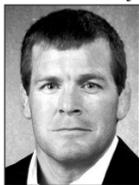
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Former NCAA finalist Joe Slaton squandered his matchup against Iowa State with an un-All-American-like defeat, 12-2. Afterwards, Brands said it didn't take long to come to a decision. He scratched Slaton from the probable lineup the same night, anointing junior Daniel Dennis the starter.

"He's the guy," Brands said. "That's fair to Dennis. I don't know how well he handled the not-knowing part of it. That might have been a factor that led us to insert Slaton [against Iowa State]

just because he wasn't handling it as well as he, maybe, can. His knowing will alleviate that."

As for Iowa's opening at 197, Brands said junior Chad Beatty will sit out his second-straight meet after suffering an undisclosed injury at the Journeymen/Brute Northeast Duals on Nov. 29.



Brands
coach

Fellow junior Rick Loera is the heir-apparent at 197, likely to face No. 14 Andrew Anderson of UNI tonight. Signs point to a speedy recovery, though.

"[Beatty's] fine," Brands said. "Like I said at the very beginning of this ordeal, or situation, it's about doing what's best by the individual. That, combined with the time of year, it's not critical that we're throwing him in there."

"We have to keep thinking ahead for him, and I don't think it's most important that he's on the mat in a Hawkeye singlet."

Likewise, Beatty said he's been working out in practice over the last couple days, expecting to compete against the Panthers. But he added the choice isn't his to make.

"It's [Brands'] decision, ultimately," Beatty said. "But I've been working out to wrestle."

Looking for declaw work

BASKETBALL
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advantage, UNI upset Iowa the last time the two teams met in Iowa City, winning by 21 points in 2006.

"We definitely don't want that to happen again; we have to have our defense up," Ausdemore said.

Iowa would like to repeat on defensive what it did against the Cyclones — the Hawkeyes gave up the second fewest points of the season, 46.

"Our defense against Iowa State was amazing," sophomore Kachine Alexander said. "Now,

we're just going forward, we've learned from our mistakes, and we're growing. Everything that we did in the past that was wrong, we have done it well."

Northern Iowa's biggest scoring threat is junior guard Nicole Clausen, who was also recruited by the Hawkeyes. She is the only Panther averaging more than 10 points.

"Nicole Clausen is a person

we're really got to be able to keep track of on the outside," Bluder said. "An excellent three point shooter; their leading scorer."

Iowa is 11-2 all-time against UNI and is 5-1 against the Panthers in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

"Now, we've got UNI and Drake ahead of us," Alexander said. "Our goal is to be the state champs."

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Mr. President will have game

It will be a whole new ball game with Barack Obama as president.

By **NANCY ARMOUR**
Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Rangers are out, the White Sox are in, and the mountain bikes are headed for the basement. As for that White House bowling alley — well, that hardwood might be in for a complete makeover.

As promised, change is coming to Washington, and we're not just talking policy and politics. President-elect Barack Obama may be as big a sports junkie as his predecessor, but he's got a totally different game.

"He's a hoops aficionado," said Alexi Giannoulis, the Illinois treasurer and a regular in Obama's pickup games. Not to mention a hard-core Chicago White Sox fan.

South Siders can no longer gripe about the crosstown rival Cubs getting all the love, not when the future leader of the free world sports his well-worn White Sox cap wherever he goes these days.

Remember the day after the election, when he dropped his daughters off at school wearing his beloved hat? Or when he headed off to the gym, wearing that same hat? TV newscasts around the country mentioned Obama and that hat 60 times in the three days after the election alone, the White Sox found, a number that equates to millions of viewers.

"To have the first fan be a White Sox fan is a pretty cool thing," White Sox spokesman Scott Reifert said.

No matter their party, American presidents have tended to have one thing in common: They love their sports.

Dwight D. Eisenhower reportedly found time to play 800 rounds of golf during his eight years in office, Bill Clinton was spotted running the streets of Washington — with an occasional stop at McDonald's mixed in, of course — and the first George Bush liked horseshoes so much he built a pit near the White House swimming pool.

The current president, George W. Bush, is, of course, a baseball fan. The former Texas Rangers owner even hosted T-ball games on the White House's South Lawn — no outs, no strikes, and nobody loses. Though he hung up his running shoes a few years back after it got to be too much for his knees, he's also an avid mountain biker.

"There's a certain power and appeal to sport," said Dave Czesniuk, the director of operations at the Center for the Study of Sport in Society at Northeastern University in Boston.

"Not just basketball, but all sports provide an opportunity to come together on a common ground," Czesniuk said. "... It's really an opportunity to examine all sorts of behaviors and approach life through one lens, and that lens is sport."

Don't let those spindly legs fool you: Obama works out on a regular basis, walking on the treadmill and lifting weights. He bikes, though his speed is more leisurely rides with his daughters. He plays the occasional round of golf, and *Golf Digest* thought enough of his game to rank him eighth among the 15 presidents who golfed. The list appears in the January issue.

But you don't need to be spotted the H, O, R, and S to know what his sport of choice is.

"For a while, I thought that I might be a basketball player," Obama said when Barbara Walters asked what he dreamed of being when he was younger. "Until I realized that I wasn't good enough to be a professional basketball player."

Pickup games were a regular part of his schedule on primary days during the campaign, and if you're thinking middle-age guys down at the

rec center, think again. Depending upon who was around, there was some serious hooping going on.

He scrimmaged with the North Carolina Tar Heels a few weeks after they made the Final Four. Reggie Love, his personal aide, won an NCAA title at Duke and was the Blue Devils' captain in 2004-05. Craig Robinson, Obama's brother-in-law, played at Princeton and now coaches Oregon State.

Arne Duncan, the CEO of Chicago's public schools and a frequent pickup team member, was cocaptain of Harvard's basketball team and later played professionally in Australia. Giannoulis not only played professionally in Greece, he has the distinction of being the guy who bruised Obama's ribs on the day of the Indiana primary.

"People get competitive, and he's no different," Giannoulis said. "He plays tough but not dirty, but he's a lot stronger than he looks."

So, of course, when Obama won the election, the big sporting question was: Would Obama put a basketball court in the White House?

The White House already has a court, but it's half-size and outside. The gym at Camp David has a court, but that's an hour away.

There is, however, a bowling alley at the White House. Considering Obama isn't a threat to crash the PBA Tour any time soon — he bowled an embarrassingly bad 37 during a lavishly photographed campaign stop — the alley would seem to be a prime spot for a basketball court.

"I hear there's a bowling alley [in the White House], and obviously, that hasn't gone too well," he said during the campaign. "So we're getting rid of the bowling alley and replacing it with a basketball court."

(He tempered that during his interview with Walters, saying he might leave the alley alone.)

As much as Obama loves playing basketball, he'll watch just about anything.

"He loves sports, all sports," Giannoulis said. "Lately, he's focused all his time on dealing with the economy and putting together his administration. But he used to be a huge fan of 'SportsCenter.' He loves watching sports and talking sports."

White Sox general manager Ken Williams learned that a long time ago.

Obama has lived on the South Side since he moved to Chicago, and he is a more die-hard White Sox fan than some natives. At his first news conferences as president-elect, rather than dividing the room into left and right sides, he split reporters into Cubs and White Sox sections.

Whenever he sees Williams, he peppers the GM with questions about the team, always showing particular concern about the pitching. Not quite like Richard Nixon calling in a play to Redskins coach George Allen, but ...

"It's one thing when he would ask me about pitching as a senator, but now he's going to ask the question as president, and I have to say, 'Mr. President,' " Williams told the *Chicago Tribune* during the general managers' meetings last month. "I have to answer to the highest office now."

That's tame compared with Obama's feelings on the BCS. He's made it clear he has no love for college football's current method of crowning a national champion, favoring an eight-team playoff system instead.

"I don't know any serious fan of college football who has disagreed with me on this," he said during an interview with "60 Minutes" last month. "So I'm going to throw my weight around a little bit."



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This Nov. 10 file photo shows President-elect Barack Obama wearing a Chicago White Sox baseball cap while dropping off his children at school in Chicago. Republican or Democrat, liberal or conservative, American presidents have tended to have one thing in common: They love their sports.

Obama smiled after he said that. But for those who think his opinion won't have an effect, they might want to remember where the forward pass came from.

The flying wedge was all the rage in college football in the 1890s and early 1900s, a mass formation that was simple, successful — and shockingly violent. After 18 players died and 149 were seriously injured during the 1905 season, President Teddy Roosevelt demanded something be done. His meetings with officials from Harvard, Princeton, and Yale led to the formation of the NCAA.

That, in turn, led to the outlawing of the flying wedge — and the introduction of the forward pass.

Obama also talked on the campaign trail about making sure colleges are enforcing Title IX in both academics and athletics. His daughters, he said in June, play sports and are "the beneficiaries of the doors Title IX opened."

There are other sports-related issues the future president cares about, Giannoulis said. Such as tackling the growing childhood obesity rate. Keeping steroids and

other performance-enhancing drugs out of athletics, a pet cause of his presidential opponent, John McCain, and even President Bush, who once mentioned steroids and sports in a State of the Union Address.

"There are issues in the sporting world, the athletics realm, that are going to be important, and I think he'd have a good perspective on it," Giannoulis said.

Olympic types are also hoping Obama will travel to Copenhagen next year to sell Chicago to the International Olympic Committee. The Windy City is a finalist to host the 2016 Games, and Obama has already made several pitches for the cause.

The Olympic stadium would only be a few blocks from Obama's South Side home, and he's already imagined what it would be like to finish his second term by welcoming the world to his adopted hometown.

"I can't think of a better way than to be marching into Washington Park," he said this summer, "... and announcing to the world, 'Let the games begin.'"

Zorn, Portis kiss & make up

By **JOSEPH WHITE**
Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. — The rookie head coach and the flamboyant running back reached a smiling truce Wednesday, with Clinton Portis announcing that he's "cool with everything" and has no plans to sever ties with the Washington Redskins.

Portis and coach Jim Zorn held a 10-minute meeting early in the day to discuss Portis' blistering comments made during a radio interview Tuesday. After practice, the two strong personalities took turns explaining what happened — with the caveat that, as Portis put it, "We both got egos."

"It was something on my chest that I needed to get off," he said. "I had some stuff built up. I was itching to air it out. After we talked, we're on the same page."

Miffed over his lack of play-

ing time in last week's 24-10 loss to the Baltimore Ravens, Portis used his radio airtime on WTEM-AM to accuse Zorn of sending mixed messages. He also sarcastically called Zorn a "genius," spoke of the possibility of severing ties with the organization, and said of the coaching staff: "I don't think they know what they want me to do."

The searing words threatened to become Zorn's first major locker-room crisis heading into the Dec. 14 must-win game against the Bengals. It doesn't help the coach's case that the Redskins (7-6) have lost four of five to fall to last place in the NFC East or that Portis — Washington's second all-time leading rusher — is a favorite of owner Dan Snyder.

"It's all about losing," Zorn said. "Winning doesn't bring all of this out. Losing does. You know what remedies all this? Winning."

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Care Bears Deaths:

- Surprise Bear: Heart Attack
- Take Care Bear: Fell down a manhole.
- Grams Bear: Flipped her Corvette.
- Tenderheart Bear: Cardiomyopathy.
- Funshine Bear: Skin cancer.
- Share Bear: Advanced HIV, contracted from unsterilized needles.
- Champ Bear: Pancreatic failure (caused by excessive steroid use).
- Love-A-Lot Bear: Untreated syphilis.
- Good Luck Bear: Choked on a wishbone.
- Friend Bear: Murdered.
- Cheer Bear: Suicide.
- Perfect Panda & Polite Panda: Murder-suicide.
- Bedtime Bear: tragic car accident (fell asleep at the wheel); bits of plush and cotton stuffing everywhere.
- Birthday Bear: Old age.
- Wish Bear: Had a bad day and wished he'd never been born.
- Baby Hugs Bear: Died in incarceration, serving out 155 consecutive years for a series of child abuse convictions.
- Baby Tugs Bear: You don't wanna know.
- Secret Bear: unknown.
- Harmony Bear: Spontaneous combustion.

- Andrew R. Juhl thanks his friend, Erik, for help with today's Ledge.

Think you're pretty funny? Prove it. The *Daily Iowan* is looking for Ledge writers. You can submit a Ledge at daily-iowan@uiowa.edu. If we think it's good, we'll run it - and maybe contact you for more.

DONATION TIME



Three-year-old Lily and mother Jenni McEntaffer sort through piles of donations at the old Cub Foods on Wednesday. Looking for a book to donate, Lily picked *Peter Pan*.

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SOLUTION TO WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE

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UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

- 12:30 p.m.** News from China-Beijing (in Chinese)
1 "Prairie Lights" Archive, Ian Koontz
2 News from Germany (in German)
3 "Java Blend," Lake Street Drive
4 Faculty and Guest Lectures
6 Special events programs from the UI
6:30 Incompetent Sports Talk
- 7** "Java Blend," Lake Street Drive
8 Faculty and Guest Lectures
9:30 Daily Iowan TV News
9:45 Incompetent Sports Talk
10:15 Student Affairs Programming on student life, issues, and activities
10:30 Daily Iowan TV News
10:45 "Java Blend" Encore, Scott Cochran & Steve Ellis
11 "Java Blend," Lake Street Drive

horoscopes

Thursday, December 11, 2008
- by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Educate yourself so you are fully prepared to put any services you can offer into play promptly. You don't want to miss the festive rush when what you have to offer could be exactly what others will pay for.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Don't get run down because you are too nice to say no. Put things in perspective, and decide what's really important to you. If a relationship is causing stress, rethink the connection.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 You can pull off the impossible and entice everyone to side with you. You have the chance to make a go of something that may have been out of the question in the past. Don't hesitate or let someone stand in your way.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 You may want to spend a little extra to please someone who means a lot to you. In the long run, your investment in a good relationship will secure your financial and emotional future. Accommodate what others want.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Focus on having fun with the ones you love. Get involved in a unique group that offers help to the needy. Your contributions will lead to positive contacts for your own projects. Spread your Leo generosity and festive spirit.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Don't be fooled by someone putting unreasonable demands on you. Keep your emotions out of the workplace. Being nonproductive will cause someone you respect to question your ability.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 You will feel better once you have things in place at home. Inviting guests over will speak volumes about who you are and what you stand for. Expand your interests and your friendships.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Put more focus on home and family, especially if you have neglected some of your personal duties. A partnership may appear sound, but unless you come out with cash in hand, take a pass.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Expect someone to stand in your way or at least give you a hard time. Don't take no for an answer, but also do not let emotions interfere with what needs to be done. There are opportunities professionally that could lead you in a new direction.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 By taking a fun-loving approach to the things you do today, you will throw any competition off-balance. Your spur-of-the-moment changes and inconsistent decisions will keep others guessing. This time, playing games will definitely work to your advantage.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Make a move to a larger place, or invest in something that will allow you to make extra cash from home. This is the perfect time to offer your services and open up possibilities that can lead to greater cash flow.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Too much can go wrong if you let your emotions take over. Think before you act, and refrain from letting your temper get the better of you. Problems with neighbors, peers, or even a close friend or relative will escalate if you refuse to listen.

today's events

Want to see your super special event appear here? Simply e-mail the name, time, date, and location information to: daily-iowan-calendar@uiowa.edu

- Biochemistry Seminar, "Insights into the Mechanism of FACT Association Across Transcribed Genes in vivo," Andrea Duina, Hendrix College, 10:30 a.m., 2117, Medical Education & Research Facility
- Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- Wee Read, 10:30 a.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- Little Red Riding Hood, Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre, noon, UIHC Colleton Pavilion
- Pharmacology Graduate Student Workshop, "Novel Mechanisms for Production and Attenuation of Oxidative Stress in the Cardiovascular System," Ricardo Peña Silva, 12:30 p.m., Bowen Spivey Auditorium
- Teen Tech Zone, 2:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- Nuncrackers, 3 p.m., Old Creamery Theatre, 39 38th Ave., Amana
- 11th Minds Matter Team Trivia, 6 p.m., Coralville Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 300 E. Ninth St.
- Kwanzaa 2008, 6 p.m., Afro-American Cultural Center
- Turisas, Power Glove, and Ageless, 6 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- Managing High Octane Kids, 6:30 p.m., West High, 2901 Melrose Ave.
- "An Evening with the Maia Quartet," 7 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- Computer Basics, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library

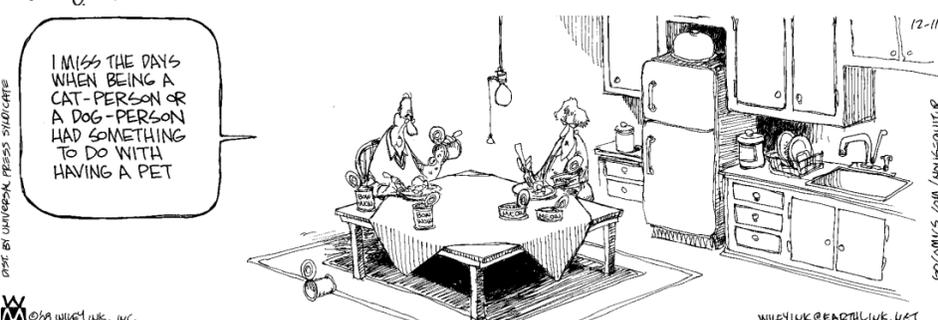
- Girl Cut In Two, 7 and 9:30 p.m., Bijou
- Proseminar in Cinema and Culture: Sub-Saharan African Cinemas, 7 p.m., Room 101, Becker Communication Studies Building
- "Writers Gone Public," reading by undergrads working with Nonfiction Writing Program grad students and faculty members, 7 p.m., 304 English Philosophy Building
- Collaborative Performance: Image-Story-Form, 8 p.m., North Hall Space/Place
- Drinking Liberally, 8 p.m., Mill
- Goodtime Karaoke, 8 p.m., Nickelodeon, 907 Second St., Coralville
- M.F.A. Directors One-Act Play Festival, The Congresswoman, 8 p.m., Brewery Square, 123 N. Linn
- Big D's Karaoke, 9 p.m., Gus', 2421 Coral Court Suite 4, Coralville
- Gemini Karaoke, 9 p.m., Speak Easy, 171 Highway 1 W.
- Karaoke, 9 p.m., Drinks Neighborhood Pub, 245 Beaver Kreek Center, North Liberty
- Public Property and 56 Hope Road, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- Twist and Shout, 9 p.m., Drinks Neighborhood Pub, 245 Beaver Kreek Center, North Liberty
- Sangria Night, 9:30 p.m., David's Place, 100 S. Linn
- Thursday Night Karaoke, 9:30 p.m., Charlie's, 450 First Ave., Coralville

DILBERT

by Scott Adams

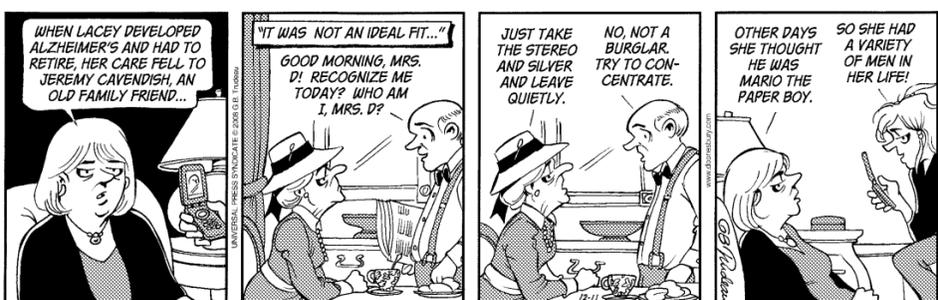


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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



The New York Times Crossword

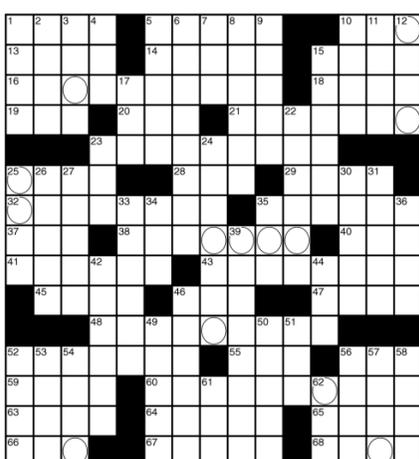
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- Across**
- 1 What the 13 circled things in this puzzle constitute
 - 5 Light from a lantern, say
 - 10 Pound delivery
 - 13 Latin word on a cornerstone
 - 14 20/20, e.g.
 - 15 Max
 - 16 Devices for music lovers
 - 18 This and that
 - 19 TV screen choice: Abbr.
 - 20 Yo-yo
 - 21 A.L. or N.L. Division Series format
 - 23 Off the charts?
 - 25 Like squads in arena football
 - 28 Anatomical duct
 - 29 Eye liners
 - 32 Something that may hold up a train?
 - 35 Guise
 - 37 Prelude to many a kiss
 - 38 Never idle
 - 40 Auto monogram
 - 41 Trifling
 - 43 Bodywide
 - 45 Dashed figs.
 - 46 Donkey Kong, e.g.
 - 47 Fail, as a flick
 - 48 Full coverage?
 - 52 Tool for a driver or painter
 - 55 Crank (up)
 - 56 U.R.L. ender
 - 59 Invitation info
 - 60 "Bad Girl" singer
 - 63 Gofar
 - 64 Actor Hirsch of "Into the Wild"

- Down**
- 1 ___ Adams, signature on the Declaration of Independence
 - 2 Like calling a woman a "chick," say
 - 3 Having depth
 - 4 Blouse, e.g.
 - 5 Reach
 - 6 Breaks up flights
 - 7 When the French fry?
 - 8 Winged mammoth
 - 9 Wine region where Riesling is made
 - 10 Neighbor of N.M.
 - 11 "Keep dreaming!"
 - 12 Like many office jobs
 - 15 Advil alternative
 - 17 Airline to Chile
 - 22 Bargain hunter's lure
 - 31 Welcome
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle by Jeremy Newton

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UI student artists from many fields come together for an artistic venture this weekend in Space/Place.



A stitch in time



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Susan Junis and Grace Sinclair work during a sewing session in Sinclair's home in Iowa City on Tuesday. The two create accessories to sell, and they also founded What a Load of Craft, an arts festival that will be at the Picador.

Iowa City craft duo Skirt's bouncing baby, the 'What a Load of Craft,' festival is back for another installment Saturday at the Picador.

By JARRETT HOTHAN
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It's a bleak and snowy day outside Grace Sinclair's house on the outskirts of Iowa City. A winter wind whips the painted blue exterior, and harvested tomato plants line the front yard like a vegetable graveyard.

CRAFT FAIR

What a Load of Craft

When: Noon-10 p.m. Saturday
Where: Picador, 330 E. Washington
Admission: Free

Inside is a different story, a warm abode cluttered with strewn fabrics, yarns, and buttons. Colorful paintings adorn the walls, along with movie posters and hand-sewn decorations, one reading, "The home arts are subversive."

Sinclair and her partner-in-craft, Susan Junis, sit side-by-side on a couch, about to begin one of



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Susan Junis works during a sewing session in the Skirt studio in the home of Grace Sinclair on Tuesday. The two Iowa City women spend around 12 hours a week sewing accessories that are sold online and at White Rabbit.

their final sewing sessions for the "What a Load of Craft" festival, Iowa City's annual celebration of all things do-it-yourself. The festivities will kick off at noon and last until 10 p.m. Saturday at the Picador, 330 E. Washington St.

Just in time for the holidays, the two are sewing plush circular Christmas ornaments to

sell at the event. They aren't your run-of-the-mill festive fare — quite the opposite. Junis sews an image of brass knuckles, while Sinclair stitches a submachine gun on their respective winter pieces.

"I always wanted to put an Uzi on a Christmas tree," Sinclair said. "I can't do that if I don't make it myself, though."

Welcome to the wonderfully weird world of Skirt, Junis and Sinclair's Iowa City-based clothing and crafts company. "What a Load of Craft" is Skirt's brainchild, meant to be a forum for craftspeople and artisans to show and sell more offbeat and alternative creations.

Rooted in a "shared obsession of balancing cute with creepy," the Skirt line offers everyday items such as purses, messenger bags, throw pillows, and wallets adorned with images of brass knuckles, guns, razor blades, mammary glands, and even Neil Diamond, just to name a few designs.

SEE LOAD, 3C

WEEKEND AGENDA



Thursday

10 a.m. Do some serious holiday shopping online: CDs for your brother, inspirational book for Mom, and gift cards for Grandpa — all a click and a debit-card charge away. Watch for special deals and sales to save a few dollars.

1 p.m. Get a few hours of studying in instead of plopping down in front of quality cable programming. You won't regret it later.

6 p.m. Vikings, warpaint, guitars, and accordions: You don't want to miss **Finnish battle-metal band Turisas** at the Picador.

7 p.m. Take the evening to clean out your room and organize yourself for finals week.



Friday

12:30 p.m. Holiday Tubas — can you imagine anything better? For real? Well, head to the Old Capitol front steps, and check it out.

8 p.m. Did you love reading Our Town back in high-school English class? Head to the Englert for *A December to Remember* for a comparable **opera production** celebrating the season.

11 p.m. Keep those girlish squeals of delight to a minimum when you head to see the premiere of Ashton Kutcher's latest movie at the Englert, and don't pass out from the excitement as you wait to see if you'll be one of the lucky few who get to mingle with Mr. Punk'd himself after the show.



Saturday

9 a.m. Anything with "cookie" in the title sounds amazing to us, so **peruse your choices** at the Alternative Gift Market and Annual Cookie Walk at First Presbyterian Church.

Noon Still panicking about what you're going to buy everyone on your list for the holidays? **Check out "What a Load of Craft"** at the Picador for handmade, one-of-a-kind gifts and crafts galore.

2 p.m. Buckle down, and do some studying. Break up your afternoon by running a few sets of stairs, playing ample games of Spider Solitaire, and munching on this week's menu on 2C.

8 p.m. Make it a quiet evening, and play some Mario Kart or watch a movie with friends. You'll have to be in top form for another long day of studying on Sunday.



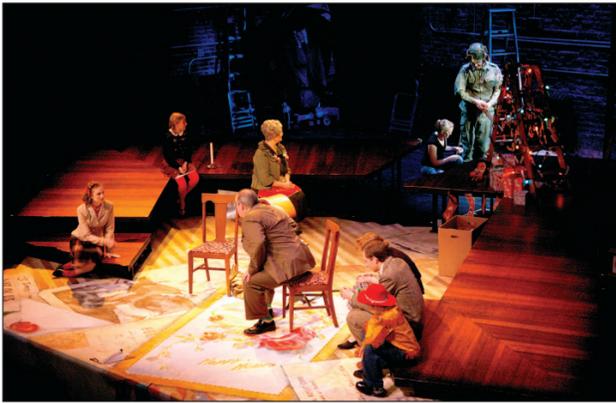
Sunday

1 p.m. Today's agenda: Finish your term papers. Caffeine will probably help, as will minimal distractions, so pick a library and hack out that thesis.

5:30 p.m. Check out the City Circle Carolers at Freedom Security Bank in Coralville, and then head to a fun restaurant with your roommates for dinner. Be sure to try something adventurous on the menu.

8 p.m. Call up a few friends you haven't seen in ages, and meet them for a **frosty treat** (read: ice cream, smoothies, or snowballs) downtown.

Try to remember that time in December



CHRISTY AUMER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Performers in the opera *A December to Remember* rehearse in the Englert Theatre on Wednesday. The show is based on Midwestern American family life during the Second World War.

'Tis the season for Bill O'Reilly to ramp up his annual 'War on Christmas' rhetoric. One place his argument won't hold water is the UI Opera Theater, where this year's winter production, *A December to Remember*, is unabashedly celebrating Jolly St. Nick.

By MERYN FLUKER
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Whether it's those cheerful ads from the Gap, the trees in downtown Iowa City dotted with lights, or the general sense of lethargy pervading the UI campus, one thing is certain: The signs of Christmas time are everywhere.

While many academic departments are limping toward finals, the UI Martha-Ellen Tye Opera Theater —

part of the School of Music — is ending the semester in a red and green blaze of glory. At least that's the plan, with the program's newest production, *A December to Remember*, premiering Friday at 8 p.m. in the Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington St.

A December to Remember centers on a family in Iowa during the 1940s, gathered around their cathedral radio during the holidays while they partake in

some Christmas Eve traditions. The family is the source of the production's main narrative arc, but the stage setup allows the studio singers, heard via the radio — as well as the family's eldest son, away in Germany fighting World War II — to command the audience's attention at various points during the show.

SEE DECEMBER, 3C

80 HOURS ON AIR

This week's "80 Hours on Air" concludes the 2008 Oscar-nominated, Emmy-winning, and internationally renowned season of on-air dance parties, intense "Lost" debates, and sassy discourse, brought to you live every Friday 5-6 p.m. Listen in this week to the last some of the action.

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**NEW MOVIES
OPENING THIS WEEKEND**



The Day the Earth Stood Still

Coral Ridge 10, Sycamore 12

In this remake of the 1951 landmark science-fiction flick, the stone-faced Klaatu is played by the appropriately robotic Keanu Reeves. Will humanity ever come to terms with our specie's inherently violent nature? Well, probably not, but at least it provides plenty of fodder for end-of-the-world screenplays.



Delgo

Coral Ridge 10

Delgo, voiced by Freddie Prinze Jr., is a member of a race of strange half-human, half-dinosaur beings. He becomes entangled in an animated battle between his own kin and an equally freakish-looking race. Hopefully, friendships are forged, evil is vanquished, and we all learn a valuable lesson. Voices include Val Kilmer, Michael Clarke Duncan, and Burt Reynolds.

AT THE BIJOU



Momma's Man

Showtimes: Friday, 7, 9 p.m.; Saturday, 5, 7, 9 p.m.; Dec. 14, 3, 5 p.m.

Director Azazel Jacobs casts his own mother and father as the parents of Mikey, a middle-age man who refuses to go back to his wife and child after visiting his family. Eventually, Mikey must decide if he wants to be a grownup or an oversized kid. Hmm ... got something you want to get off your chest, Mr. Jacobs?

**TRACKS
FROM THE PAST**

A place to remember all those albums we actually bought, memorized, and obsessed over. You loved it then, and you'll still love it now.

Before Mr. A-Z could boast "Grammy-nominated" in the first line of his Wikipedia entry, before he had even created that moniker for himself (not to mention "geek in the pink"), there was this first album for the Mechanicsville, Va., guitar man.

Containing two of his earliest hits, "The Remedy (I Won't Worry)" and "You and I Both," *Waiting for my Rocket* remains a solid introduction to both the highs and lows of Jason Mraz as an artist. The sunny bounce of such tracks as "Curbside Prophet" and "Sleep All Day" is balanced nicely with the slower ballads he unleashes on "Absolutely Zero" and "Tonight, Not Again."

However, on the album's latter half, where lackluster tracks of both styles are stashed - "No Stopping Us" for the former, "The Boy's Gone" for the latter - the momentum of *Rocket* somewhat screeches to a halt. All in all, it's still a largely solid listen six years down the line, Grammy-nominations, trucker hats and dorky nicknames aside.

- by Anna Wiegstein

Today 12.11

MUSIC

- **Turisas, Power Glove, and Ageless**, 6 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **"An Evening with the Maia Quartet,"** 7 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Public Property and 56 Hope Road**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

WORDS

- **"Writers Gone Public," readings by undergrads working with grad students and faculty members of the Nonfiction Writing Program**, 7 p.m., 304

English-Philosophy Building

THEATER

- **M.F.A. Directors One-Act Play Festival, *The Congresswoman***, 8 p.m., Brewery Square, 123 N. Linn

MULTIMEDIA

- **Collaborative Performance: *Image-Story-Form***, 8 p.m., North Hall Space/Place

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Kwanzaa 2008**, 6 p.m., Afro-American Cultural Center

Friday 12.12

MUSIC

- **"Java Blend," 56 Hope Road**, noon, Java House, 211 1/2 E. Washington
- **"Holiday Tubas,"** 12:30 p.m., Old Capitol front steps
- **High Five, From Citizen to Soldier, Upon Death's Arrival, and By These Hands**, 6 p.m., Picador
- **Jazz Combo Festival**, 6:30 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, 320 E. College
- **Mannix, Humanos, the Slats, and Caw Caw**, 8 p.m., Mill
- **The Gglitch and Datagun**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
- **Jazz Night at the Motley Cow, with the White Tornado**, 10 p.m., Motley Cow Café, 160 N. Linn

THEATER

- **Mr. Moriani's All Female Circus and Great Western Train Robbery Singing Cowboy Roundup Extravaganza**, 6:30 p.m., City High, 1900 Morningside Drive
- **A December to Remember, UI Opera Theater**, 8 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
- **M.F.A. Directors One-Act Play Festival, *The Congresswoman***, 8 p.m., Brewery Square

DANCE/MULTIMEDIA

- **"Evening of Decadence,"**



don't miss!

Mannix CD Release Show

Where: 8 p.m. Friday

When: Mill, 120 E. Burlington

Why you should go: Check out local favorites Mannix as the band releases its latest album and commemorates the event with a show at the Mill, featuring Humanos, the Slats, and Caw Caw. Read *The Daily Iowan* on Friday for Arts reporter Jarrett Hothan's preview of the show.

Kahraman Near East Dance Ensemble

7 p.m., Kahraman Dance Studio, 330 E. Second St.

- **Ballroom Dance**, 7:30 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market

- **Collaborative Performance: *Image-Story-Form***, 8 p.m., Space/Place

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Noon Knit**, noon, Hardin Library

- **Proseminar in Cinema and Culture: Sub-Saharan African Cinemas, *Karmen Gei*, by Joseph Gai Ramaka (Senegal, 2001)**, 7 p.m., 101 Becker
- **Drinking Liberally**, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Goodtime Karaoke**, 8 p.m., Nickelodeon, 907 Second St., Coralville
- **Big D's Karaoke**, 9 p.m., Gus', 2421 Coral Court Suite 4, Coralville
- **Gemini Karaoke**, 9 p.m., Speak Easy, 171 Highway 1 W.
- **Thursday Night Karaoke**, 9:30 p.m., Charlie's, 450 First Ave., Coralville

Saturday 12.13

MUSIC

- **"What a Load of Craft," with record swap**, 10 a.m., Picador
 - **Jazz Café Concert**, 7 p.m., West High, 2901 Melrose Ave.
 - **"A Renaissance Christmas," Musick's Feast**, 7:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 2701 Rochester Ave.
 - **G.B. Leighton**, 8 p.m., Mill
 - **Heatbox, Madahoochi, and Nervous Disorder**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
- THEATER**
- **Mr. Moriani's All Female Circus and Great Western Train Robbery Singing Cowboy Roundup Extravaganza**, 6:30 p.m., City High
 - **Small Miracles**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert
 - **A December to Remember, UI Opera Theater**, 8 p.m., Englert Theatre
 - **M.F.A. Directors One-Act Play Festival, *The Congresswoman***, 8 p.m., Brewery Square

DANCE/MULTIMEDIA

- **Bollywood Dance Class**, 2 p.m., Kahraman Dance Studio

- **Collaborative Performance: *Image-Story-Form***, 8 p.m., Space/Place

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Alternative Gift Market and Annual Cookie Walk**, 9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church
- **"Deck the Paws," and Iowa Humane Alliance Holiday Cookie Walk**, 10 a.m., Kirkwood Community College, 1816 Lower Muscatine Road
- **Knitter's Breakfast**, 10 a.m., Home Ec. Workshop
- **Izaak Walton Benefit**, 11 a.m., Eagles Lodge, 225 Highway 1 W.
- **Linda Louise Book Signing**, noon, Waldenbooks, Sycamore Mall
- **Simple Choices for Healthier Eating** book signing, **Sondra Lewis**, noon, Waldenbooks, Sycamore Mall
- **Aisle of Lights**, 1 p.m., Johnson County Historical Society Museum, 860 Quarry Road, Coralville
- **Euchre Tournament**, 1 p.m., American Legion Post No. 17
- **Luminaries on Ice**, 6 p.m., Coral Ridge Mall
- **Rock and Roll/Country Night**, 9 p.m., Speak Easy

Sunday 12.14

MUSIC

- **"Joyful Sunday,"** 8 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 214 E. Jefferson
- **"Semi-Annual Last-Chance Concert," Iowa Percussion, Dan Moore, director**, 8:02 p.m., West High Auditorium

THEATER

- **A December to Remember, UI Opera Theater**, 2 p.m., Englert Theatre
- **Small Miracles**, 2 p.m., Riverside Theatre

DANCE

- **Argentine Folkloric Dance**

Workshop, 4 p.m., Arts à la Carte, 408 First Ave., Coralville

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Coin Show and Coin Raffle**, 9 a.m., Quality Inn and Suites Highlander Conference Center, 2525 N. Dodge
- **Alternative Gift Market**,

- 9:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church
- **Movies at the Museum of Natural History, *Jewel of the Earth***, 2 p.m., Macbride Hall
- **10,000 Villages Free Trade Holiday Market**, 3 p.m., New Horizons Church-United Methodist, 2251 First Ave., Coralville
- **Annual Luminary Soup**

- Supper**, 4 p.m., United Methodist Church, 806 13th Ave., Coralville
- **Taizé**, 5 p.m., Old Brick
- **City Circle Carolers**, 5:30 p.m., Freedom Security Bank, 140 Holiday Road, Coralville
- **Reggae Night with DJs FUNKMASTER and KIMX**, 9 p.m., Quinton's, 215 E. Washington

Following the beat of a different strummer

Fresh from a bout with cancer, musician Brian Leighton and his band will come to Iowa City tonight to play the Mill, as recharged and energetic as ever.

By MERYN FLUKER
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Brian Leighton plays more than 200 shows a year. As the vocalist, guitarist, and main creative force behind the band G.B. Leighton, he definitely does his fair share of the work.

But when he was diagnosed with testicular cancer earlier this year, he had to ease his schedule, which is more than understandable.

"It was something I needed to do," he said.

So, how long a sabbatical did the road warrior take? A month? Two months? Try seven measly days. One week, as Barenaked Ladies sing. After being diagnosed with a life-threatening illness, Leighton could only bear to leave the stage for seven days.

"It probably should've gone a little longer, maybe two weeks, but a week off for us — you start pacing because you don't know what to do," he said. "The week was good, and we went back to work, and it felt good to get

back on stage again."

G.B. Leighton will be in its healthiest form when the Minnesota-based band performs at the Mill on Dec. 14 at 8 p.m. Leighton received his diagnosis in October after a physical and had surgery a few days later to remove the cancer.

"This hit me really fast," he said. "I didn't really have a long time to think about it."

Leighton is in little to no pain and says his health is good, though he didn't go into much detail. He's much more effusive when he talks about music.

Leighton began playing professionally when he was 18. He's sold 70,000 albums as the man behind G.B. Leighton without falling into the major-label machine.

"I've been playing 200-plus shows a year for the last 15 or 16 years, and I've been able to make a living at it," he said. "I've been able to form two companies, and sell a lot of merchandise, and sell a lot of albums, so I've been very fortunate."

Rejecting the typical formula for musical success — play a few clubs, get a big agent, land a bigger deal, get a hit song played on "The Hills" or "Grey's Anatomy" — has worked out well for Leighton and inadvertently made him a pioneer of the newer, alternative routes to success so many acts are taking.

While Leighton comes from a different era musically, he embraces the music industry's shift into less of a business oriented toward the middle man.

"It's a digital world, and the way kids are brought up now,



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Twin Cities-based G.B. Leighton features vocals, guitar, and harmonica from founder Brian Leighton (seated). The band's lineup rotates, Leighton said, because "they come and they go, and you can't keep them all forever."

they don't even have to go to the store to buy the album. It's a direct download to their iPod or whatever they've got," he said. "I think it's a great thing, because I think you have so much more access to so many more people around the world, just by clicks of a button. MySpace, meeting other bands, and meeting their fans, and then they find you and turn you on to other acts. It's definitely a good way to do things." Money and business weren't

what inspired Leighton to become a musician. The music he gives credit to for getting him through difficult times — Tom Petty, Bruce Springsteen, and John Mellencamp — made G.B. Leighton possible.

"Those songs always made sense to me," he said. "The words got me through situations in my life. Music's kind of that way, so I connected with the songs, and they made me feel good and made me feel like writing my feelings down."

OL' MARTY BOY'S BANANA AND ALMOND PANCAKES AND TROPICAL DELIGHT SMOOTHIE



Everybody likes breakfast, except Debbie downers and Benny Buzzkills. Are you one of those? That's what I thought. It's time for pancakes and smoothies, the breakfast of kings and college cuties everywhere. Everybody has that strange stray box of pancake mix and a few extra ingredients lurking in her or his cupboard, so why not make something exciting with it?

OL' MARTY BOY'S BANANA AND ALMOND PANCAKES

What you need:

- 1 cup crushed almonds
- 2 sliced bananas
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- 2 cups pancake batter
- 2 cups water

What to do:

Put the pancake mix in a bowl,

and add water — and a dash of milk if you want a thicker consistency. Add the vanilla extract and lemon juice, and stir. You might be thinking, "Why lemon juice?" It makes the pancakes fluffier without creating an overbearing lemon flavor. Crush the almonds, and slice up the bananas separately. Pour the batter into the pan

on the stove, and let it settle. Once it begins to solidify, sprinkle almonds and banana slices over the uncooked side, and then flip and cook through. Once your pancake is pancake-y enough for your arrogant, glut-tonous approval, EAT IT. Syrup and butter are good, but you probably already knew that, didn't you? You must be proud

of yourself. I hope it tastes great.

TROPICAL DELIGHT SMOOTHIE

What you need:

- 1 container of fruit-flavored yogurt
- 1 banana
- 2 tbsp. lemon juice
- 2 cups frozen or fresh strawberries
- 1 cup frozen or fresh mixed fruit

(raspberries, blueberries, kiwi, or grapes work well)

2 ice cubes

What to do:

Chop up any fresh fruit into bite-size pieces. Combine all ingredients in blender, and blend until smooth. Makes two servings.

Getting crafty

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"I always saw it more as ironic," Sinclair said. "It's taking power away from weapons by making them snuggly."

These kind of eccentric touches made acceptance from the tradition-heavy crafts community hard to come by, resulting in more glares than sales.

"There wasn't a place for this kind of stuff in Iowa City," Junis said. "This is our town, but there was nothing like that here. We had to create something ourselves."

Before clothing-and-everything-but-the-kitchen-sink local store White Rabbit, 109 S. Linn St., opened, Iowa City lacked a central entity to bring together the works of alternative craftspeople.

"We didn't have anywhere to sell our stuff," Sinclair said. "None of the local stores at the time would have been a good fit. We figured that because we've been to a bunch of craft fairs, sometimes with mixed results, we should just do our own."

After a small test run three years ago in the Hall Mall with good results, "What a Load of Craft" found a home at the Picador, a place that fit the "barebones, punk-rock" spirit of what Skirt hoped to do with the festi-

val. With a deadline and a reason to create, local craftspeople came out in droves to sign up for tables and become a part of the event.

"It puts Iowa City on the map," said White Rabbit owner Cortnie Widen, who also designs clothes under the White Rabbit name. "A lot of bigger cities have craft fairs, but not a lot of small towns. I really appreciate that Susan and Grace put it together. It really solidified the community of crafters and artists."

Although the primary mission of the event is to showcase the works of locals, there is an entertainment aspect involved as well. For instance, an unusual interlude known as the "Craft Death Match" has become one of the event's mainstays. Local craftspeople are pitted against each other in a matchup of on-the-spot craft challenges, all set to a live performance from local metal overlords Killed By Death.

In the past, the "death match" has hosted such violent mayhem as speed knitting and potato prints, yet this year's tasks will take on more of a holiday vibe. One project will be to create a gingerbread man likeness of event MC Kevin Koppes, vocalist for local power trio the Tanks.

"We're pushing the real hokey holiday stuff this time

around," Junis said.

"There are going to be a lot of people in dumb Christmas sweaters and what not," Sinclair said. "It's going to be really funny. It will also encourage people to come and buy gifts."

The fair has grown and grown, resulting in a need for a location change in the future. Junis and Sinclair had to turn down a number of vendors this time around because of space problems, making the move out of the cozy Picador to something more spacious only logical. Next year, depending on the site, "What a Load of Craft" will go from supporting around 15 vendors to 50 as well as providing more room for more musical performances by more local acts.

A new generation has started up companies and projects around the country, networking and exchanging ideas through online resources such as the ubiquitous MySpace and Etsy.com, a website that allows people to buy and sell handmade goods. Local artisans say it was nice to see the scene surface in Iowa City, momentum helped by "What a Load of Craft."

"It's being proud of what your grandma taught you, but this time around, you don't have to do a cross-stitch of that 'Footprints' poem," Sinclair said.

Singing a song of Yule

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"This is a picture frame, but it's broken in the middle, so we get the idea that the family is not all together," director and Associate Professor John Muriello said about the set design. "This floor is a big canvas painting of various things. It's going to hang off into the [orchestra] pit. It looks a little like a scrapbook, scrapbook images of cards, Christmas cards, and photographs, so we'll kind of get the idea that this is all one big memory, like a musical scrapbook."

These visual cues will be important to audiences attempting to traverse the emotional depths explored in *A December to Remember's* story line, because there is no dialogue. Quite literally, the music does the talking, and that was something to get used to, at least for one performer involved.

"In the case of *A December to Remember*, we're singing such songs as 'Silent Night' and 'Let it Snow,' which means you have to INVENT the dialogue yourself and work hard to make those conversations and relationships shine THROUGH the music," wrote second-year UI vocal performance and theater student Cassandra Schiano in an e-mail to *The Daily Iowan*. "It's a WONDERFUL acting exercise, and it's been a lot of fun learning to do it. It was always funny in the beginning stages, because sometimes [the cast would] try to talk to each other and accidentally forget to sing."

Muriello said *A December to Remember* is the "brainchild" of Gary Briggie, who is also an accomplished singer, actor, and teacher. The Opera Theater intended to continue Briggie's streak — he has served as a guest stage director at the UI in both 2006 and 2007 — but that plan was abandoned and Muriello assumed the director's chair. Muriello and Briggie spent a day in Minneapolis figuring out the logistics of *A December to Remember*, including devising the song selection, order, and plot. The result is a "musical collage of Christmas music, music of the holiday season, and [a story built] around this nonlinear collage," Muriello said.

Though *A December to Remember* falls under the banner of the UI Opera Theater, it has more in common with stage musicals than *La Bohème* or *Madame Butterfly*. Muriello touted the production as akin to *Our Town* and described *A December to Remember* as "a big holiday show."

"There's a musical called *The 1940s Radio Hour*, so the concept is not brand-new in terms of that, of somebody turning on a radio, and all of the sudden, we see that we have the radio studio right there," he said. "It has appeared in other musicals, so we're using that as a vehicle to bring a whole bunch of Christmas music



CHRISTY AUMER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Members of the cast of *A December to Remember* rehearse in the Englert Theatre on Wednesday. *A December to Remember* follows a family gathered around the radio during the holidays in the 1940s.

to the public."

Schiano, who plays the daughter of the family featured in *A December to Remember*, also stressed just how much of a non-opera the production is.

"I think it is a really great concept, because it's not your typical 'opera,'" she said. "I like to call it a 'quasi-new work,' because no new music has been written for the show, but the idea behind it and the story are completely original."

Selections from operas, pop music, and Christmas carols are all integral parts of *A December to Remember's* repertoire. Despite the production's obvious bend away from traditional opera, everyone can still learn some of opera's basic elements.

"I think *A December to Remember* stands out, because it's not like anything that has been done before in the voice department," Schiano said. "I have seen every university opera since the summer of 2006, and this show is completely different — in a good way. I think it will help both performers and audience members realize that opera is not about having the right voice and 'selling' a song. It is about being that character, and truly feeling what is going on around you, and letting that have an effect on you as a person and as the character you are playing."

A large portion of *A December to Remember's* repertoire can be found on almost every Christmas album, covered by a range of artists, so familiarity shouldn't be an issue. Muriello even received confirmation that audience members get excited once they know what the show's material consists of.

"One person who doesn't know the show at all — she was looking at the repertoire of the songs, and she said, 'You know, all of my favorite songs are in this show,'" he said. "That sounds to me like, OK, that's good enough for her to know that she's

probably going to enjoy it, just to hear all that music."

He is hesitant to make assumptions about audience members' reception to the opera but knows what he wants the response to be.

"I just want them to have a wonderful evening and enjoy the music that they hear and really get something out of the arc that we've created through the evening," he said.

A different sort of jam session

By REBECCA KOONS
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The greatest ideas may come from the humblest of beginnings. In this case, a whirlwind of multimedia, music, and movement has been created from one UI course, and a multifaceted product is the result.

North Hall's Space/Place will host *Collaborative Performance: Image-Story-Form*, put together by the UI Division of Performing Arts, today through Saturday at 8 p.m.

The division offers Collaborative Performance, an advanced course that brings together those interested in theater, music, art, and performance. This concert is, essentially, the culmination of a semester's worth of preparation.

Collaborative Performance is an unorthodox class. The course was organized into two- to three-week cycles, said graduate dance student Lynn Bowman, with each group combining students from music, theater, and dance backgrounds. She took the course as a graduation requirement, and she has provided help as a choreographer for the concert.

"The first few days of creating were brainstorming," she said. "Then, we would go away and work individually. We would meet again to share ideas and see what people had created and what we could put together."

Some students, such as Bowman, found it challenging to open up because they were required to work with so many new peers. The overarching theme of teamwork in nearly every aspect of the production has led some students to say it's been an enriching experience.

"Creating art is a very personal process, so being asked to share that with three or four other people was hard at times," Bowman said. "I really had to listen to the other ideas and see how I could integrate and take on those ideas."

UI dance Assistant Professor Jennifer Kayle "set up the structure of study" for the course, as well as "give it a creative approach, with an outsider's perspective," because she is not performing in the concert.

The show will present three elements: image, story, and form. Each medium, whether it be dance, music, or theater, will provide its own appropriate interpretation of a particular image. Each group then interprets an element of storytelling through its respective medium. The groups will then experiment with the basic form of each piece, creating a collaborative product.



CHRISTY AUMER/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI dancer Jung Hyun Lee (center) walks away from three other dancers in "Ari and Elephant" in *Space/Place* on Monday. The piece is part of *Collaborative Performance: Image-Story-Form**, which will open 8 p.m. today in *Space/Place* and run through Saturday.

As with virtually any live performance, there were a fair share of setbacks. Time, or the lack of it, has been the main challenge in this collective effort, Bowman said.

"When dealing with creative works, there's never enough time," she said. "It often takes much extra effort in order to find depth in performance, despite the time afforded."

This proves especially true, considering the great number of people necessary — from performers to composers, choreographers, and crew — to keep things running as smoothly as possible.

Even with the inevitable time crunch, having the chance to work with so many different avenues of performance has given students the chance to expand their learning in the field.

"I have really enjoyed the challenge of having to create a work of art with other people in such a

CONCERT
Collaborative Performance:
Image-Story-Form
When: 8 p.m. today-Saturday
Where: North Hall Space/Place
Admission: \$12 adults, \$6 UI students & youth

short amount of time," Bowman said. "Having to work at such a speed made me think about what exactly I was trying to say."

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Battle to the finish

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The stage is set for battle. A light fog twists its way around your ankles, and a few beams of light give blurry shape to the dim setting. Out of the haze emerges a band of screaming maniacs sporting black and blood-red face paint, clad in leather armor and adorned with fur to stave off the harsh Scandinavian cold. The warriors brandish their broadswords and prepare to rip through — wait. Those aren't weapons. They're guitars, and a microphone, and ... is that an accordion?

It most certainly is. And these "warriors" are Turisas, a Finnish metal band that infuses the traditional heavy metal lineup of electric guitars with a folk-music edge, provided by the addition of said accordion and a violin. With such songs titles as "To Holmgard and Beyond" and "Till the Last Man Falls," it's clear these musicians are deeply entrenched in the Scandinavian mythos; the theatrical aspects of their live show are simply a natural extension of their fascination with that history.

Turisas is set to play the Picador, 330 E. Washington St., today at 6 p.m. alongside openers Ageless and Power Glove, a band notable for its heavy metal re-imaginings of the musical themes from such classic video games as *Tetris* and *Mortal Kombat*.

Turisas' lyrical themes and epic instrumentation have led critics and fans to dub its music "battle metal," after its debut album of the same name.

"I guess the reason this tag has gained so much popularity is because our music overlaps so many different genres that it's really hard to place us inside an existing musical box," said vocalist and main songwriter Mathias "Warlord" Nygård. The Turisas frontman described the band's music as a "mixture" of metal subgenres, such as Viking, folk, and symphonic metal but with "an open-minded approach sometimes crossing over to more progressive stuff and bringing in influences from a lot of things completely outside metal."

The band started in 1997, featuring the crunch of Jussi Wickström's guitar backed by bassist Hannes Horma and Tuomas Lehtonen on drums. The band didn't add the folk elements, supplied by Olli Vänskä's violin and Netta Skog's accordion, until after the release of *Battle Metal* in 2004. Although Nygård com-



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Currently touring the United States with Dragonforce, Turisas will make a stop at the Picador to headline a night of epic music.

poses the band's epic sound with soaring keyboard melodies in the studio, he says the symphonic elements are reproduced live through the violin and accordion.

"I think [those instruments] work as an earthy contrast to the big symphonic arrangements," he said. "The violin is obviously very versatile as it can be very folkie, or straight-out classical, and the accordion can be used for keyboard or synth stuff through electronics." Jon Shank, the host of the "Gloves of Metal" show on KRUI, said one of the main draws of Viking metal is its lyrical content, often a "fantasy narrative" rooted in "mythology, epic battles, courage, strength, camaraderie, and a lot of other interesting themes."

"Most of all, I think [the band's] music is really fun," he wrote in an e-mail to *The Daily Iowan*. "In the great tradition of such bands as Iron Maiden, Manowar, or Blind Guardian, the lyrics, production, and melodies are all incredibly over the top. It has got a great sense of humor about everything, sort of like a metal band you would expect to see at a medieval fair, if such a thing existed."

Turisas is on tour in support of 2007's *The Varangian Way*, a "historical concept album," Nygård said. The album references historical events, people, and locations, though the story itself is not fact but something that "could have happened," a narrative freedom he said he finds liberating.

"History is the main inspiration for lyrics, but I look at it as a

framework for our songs," he said. "I can deal with whatever topics I like, so it's not as restrictive as one might think."

Decidedly more restrictive, however, are the band's stage outfits, which include ample amounts of leather, fur, and war paint. Nygård said the live costumes were something that "happened gradually." Starting out as a few splatters of blood on the band members' faces, by the end of its first tour, "it had just got out of hand to what it is today."

It's all in the name of atmosphere, and the band's aesthetic is a large part of its campy appeal. "I find the costumes epic, cool, and incredibly cheesy, all at once," Shank said. "There are certain metal bands that successfully manage to straddle the line between seriousness and *Spinal Tap*, and Turisas is one of them."



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The Varangian Way

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Off (and on) the beaten path

For UI percussion majors, finals are anything but ordinary. Instead of taking a quiet, multiple-choice final in a classroom, percussionists put their knowledge and skill to the test in front of hundreds of people.



PATRICK LARKIN/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI senior Rob McCabe practices in the Clinton Street Music Building on Wednesday in preparation for the "Semi-Annual Last Chance" concert. The concert, which will take place at West High on Dec. 14, is the percussion majors' version of a final exam.

By DAN WATSON
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CONCERT "Last Chance" UI Percussion

When: 8:02 p.m., Dec. 14
Where: West High auditorium, 2901 Melrose Ave.
Admission: Free

In the American legal system, an individual's fate is sometimes decided by a jury. The same can be said for the grades of many UI music majors, but the percussion department marches to the marimba of a different drummer.

In each School of Music area, students' work is judged at the semester's close by a jury of professors in that instrument's department: A clarinet major will perform for faculty in the woodwind department, for instance.

Still, as in the legal system, juries are not always adequate, so the percussion department performs the "Semi-Annual Last Chance" concert; this semester's performance will be held Dec. 14 at 8:02 p.m. at West High, 2901 Melrose Ave.

"The concert is pretty much like a final for us," UI sophomore and percussion major Christine Augspurger said. "Dr. [Dan] Moore believes in the theory that it is more beneficial to perform in front of a public audience rather than a jury."

UI percussion has held the "Last Chance" concert since 1984. Each year, percussion Professor Moore sets the concert's start time at 8:02 p.m., which makes his students' performances the last of the semester.

But even though the per-

"There is the inconvenience of not having reliable places to practice, but the building really isn't what makes us tick"

— Dr. Dan Moore, UI professor

formances may be touted as last-minute, the group has rehearsed no less for the show, despite a change in practice location to West High and Clinton Street Music.

"There is the inconvenience of not having reliable places to practice, but the building really isn't what makes us tick," said Moore, who came to the UI in 1996. "The buildings don't define us; we define them."

For music majors, the concert also represents the last chance to receive recital-attendance credit for the semester. Music majors must attend 15 recitals, and "Last Chance" often draws large crowds — making the concert all the more important and nerve-racking for the percussionists.

"We usually have several hundred people at the concert," Moore said. "It is a very popular concert with students, but this year will be a little more difficult with students having to get out to West High."

The "Last Chance" concert is also atypical because it focuses on solo work. Each percussionist, with the help of Moore, chooses a piece of music that he or she has been working on throughout the semester. The majority of the students choose to do their performances on a marimba, Augspurger said.

To make the show as last-minute as possible, Moore traditionally waits for the last chance to announce the program. He is keeping the program as mysterious as ever, but he did say a marimba soloist will play a classic tango, aided by a string quartet of UI students. Occasionally, the concert will feature students from other departments in the music school along with the normal lineup of percussionists.

"During the holiday season, we usually can't resist the urge to play a Christmas tune or two," Moore said. "But [keeping the program a secret] is part of the surprise and fun of the 'Last Chance' concert."

Sometimes, a miracle

If part of what makes Christmas so enjoyable for so many every year is the renewal of traditions — be they as universal as hanging stockings or as diverse as the family doing the hanging — Riverside Theatre has a production for you.

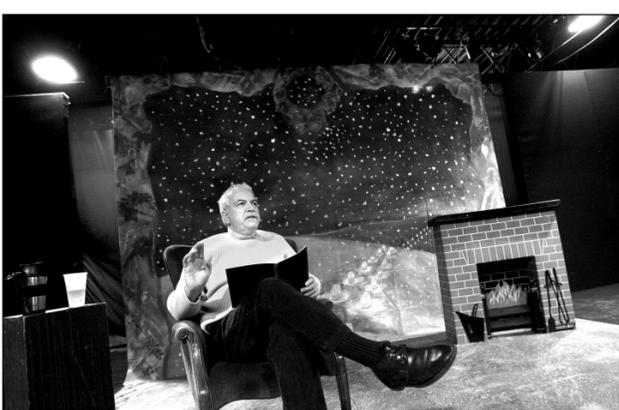
No, it's not quite so canonical as Dickens yet, but nearing a decade since its inception at Riverside Theatre, *Small Miracles* will run at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Dec. 14.

"The gifts of memory may be some of the best gifts of all," Ron Clark, the writer and one-man performer of the show, told the *DI* in 2006. "That's what I love about Christmas — the opportunity to just stop, look back, and not really care that much about where memory ends and where fantasy begins."

Small Miracles has run every other year since its 1999 debut, with off years dedicated to worthy causes ranging from fundraisers for the Cedar Rapids Symphony and the UI Museum of Art to the Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County.

The show, written as a series of holiday-theme reminiscences ranging throughout Clark's life, include tales of his run as a department-store Santa Claus and memories going back to 4 years old.

And they are not random reflections, said Riverside marketing and education director Nicole Norton, but as with many things with a holiday



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Writer and performer Ron Clark rehearses his one-man show *Small Miracles* at the Riverside Theatre on Wednesday. *Small Miracles* will play Saturday and Dec. 14.

theme, the true meaning of the play reveals more.

"[Clark] feels like it's really about the miraculous events in everyday life," she said. "These truly wonderful things that have happened to him, around this time of the year."

Or, put another way for a prospective audience member?

"I'm hoping it'll leave 'em with warm fuzzies," Norton said and laughed.

— by Anna Wiegenstein

THEATER

Small Miracles

When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Dec. 14
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Admission: Youth, \$12; Over 60 or under 30, \$17; Adult \$20



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